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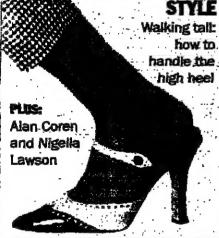


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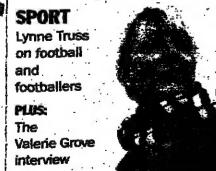
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### Heseltine challenged over use of Civil Service

By Andrew Pierce and Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

MICHAEL HESELTINE will be challenged in the House of Commons today to explain the circumstances in which he ordered senior civil servants to promote Conservative policies.

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretury, intervened to prevent the Deputy Prime Minister using Whitehall officials to draw up teams of "cheerleaders" to praise the Government's achievements. The Prime Minister had endorsed the plan.

The controversy will dominate ques-tions to Mr Heseltine in the Commons today only hours before David Willetts, the Paymaster General, faces a tele-vised inquisition into allegations that he tried to influence an independent Commons inquiry into the cash-for-questions dispute.

But it was the direct involvement of Mr Heseltine, one of the most skilful political operators at Westminster, in the latest controversy to engulf the Government that dismayed Tory Mps

yesterday.
Sir Robin, in a rare rebuke, told Mr.
Heseltine in August, a month after the
project was launched, that it would be be "inappropriate" for civil servants to become involved in activities that believed to be the first time he has vetoed a proposal involving the Prime Minister and his deputy.

Mr Heseltine, in a damage limitation exercise yesterday morning, said that he immediately accepted Sir Robin's advice and that the work had been hived off to ministerial advisers whose appointments are political.

However, a leaked Cabinet Office memorandum, dated August 19, dis-closed that it was Mr Heseltine who had initiated the programme to recruit prominent figures to be "vigorous and attractive proponents" of government policies in the run-up to the election. The document was interpreted by Lab-our and by the First Division Association of senior civil servants as a threat to the Civil Service's prized political

neutrality.

Mr Heseltine fiercely denied the charge and said yesterday he was a victim of Labour dirty tricks. He said that as soon as Sir Robin had intervened he had acted. The moment he did that, I agreed that was the position. That is what has been happening. All of that is quite clear." he said on BBC Radio 4's World at One

programme Asked why the memorandum in question had been passed between civil servants, rather than between the politically appointed advisers who should have handled the work, he replied: "The important thing is to be sure that we don't use civil servants for this purpose."

The interview produced a contemptous response from John Prescott, Labour deputy leader. He said: "This is a further blatant example of an abuse of government power ... a blatant interference in the impartiality of civil servants. It brought Sir Robin to condemn what they proposed to do." Mr Prescott, referring to Mr Willetts's appearance before the select committee, said: "This is a Government more interested in the party interest than the national interest; they will use anybody to achieve that."

Derek Foster, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said: The public will rightly ask whether some people will be rewarded by the Government in the form of contracts if they speak up praising Tory policy." He added: "Was there an implicit threat that they would be discriminated against if they did not come out on side for the Government?"

lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, will also be under attack for embarking today on a business tour in Tory marginal seats which was paid for and organised by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, was under fire from Labour and Tory MPs for using civil servants to write fictional "good news" stories about the health service in a White Paper, which is to be published on

Sir Robin has defended the neutrality and impartiality of civil servants assiduously. In recent weeks he has servants who declined to use the term "tartan tax" to damage Labour's devolution plans. He also told civil servants to take care in the use of the word "opportuinity" in government statements after concern expressed by some officials that this was too close to the Conservative Party slogan used at the party conference.

The issue of civil servants being politicised has extra sensitivity because of the closeness of the general election and the likelihood of a change of

The leak of the memorandum came only days after Sir Robin Butler had told Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, General Secretary of the Association of First Division civil servants. Lady Symons, had learnt of the original proposal - made on July 24in August, which was the month it was announced that she was to become a Labour working peer. She denied that she was part of a Labour plot to discredit the Government.



"It's nice to know that once in a while he digs his own holes"



Tyson clutches a towel to his cut eye after the fight, won by Evander Holyfield in one of boxing's greatest upsets

### Old man' gives Tyson a beating

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

EVANDER HOLYFIELD. the supposedly feeble old man of heavyweight boxing. scored one of the great upsets of ring history when — with a little help from the Almighty - he thrashed Mike Tyson to win the world title. Holyfield,

37, defeated the much-feared Tyson with ease, delivering a medley of pummel-punches and cartilege-crunching blows before the fight in Las Vegas was stopped in the

eleventh round. The loser was said to be incoherent immediately after the fight, as were the wide-

who had come to regard their man as unbeatable. They had said that Holyfield would leave the ring "in a box, man". Bookmakers also took some heavy blows. Holyfield

was originally 25-1 underdog for the fight, but wads of dever money dropped on him not long before the opening

bell rang. The odds fell to 6-1. but some punters had a highly profitable weekend. Holyfield had entered the

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fight with a failing reputation and was regarded by the Tyson camp as just another Continued on page 4, col 4

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### probe into Eurotunnel

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND ROBERT MILLER

TEN City banks and stockbrokers will be asked to sup-ply secret documents this ek after the Serious Fraud Office joined a French police investigation into allegations of insider dealing in shares in Eurotunnel, operator of the Channel Tunnel.

The intervention of the Serious Fraud Office comes at the request of French authorities investigating alleged "market manipulation" around dealings in Eurotunnel shares. Officers from the French fraud squad visited London at the end of last week to put a case for investigations in London. Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, has approved the Continued on page 2, col 7

#### SFO shares | British troops for Zaire

The Cabinet is expected to give approval on Thursday to British military involvement in an international humanitarian

mission in Zaire. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said on BBC television that he expected authorisiation for an international force to be agreed by the weekend amid reports that more than one million refu-

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### Elegant misses are a hit with Shephard

BY JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR** 

TEACHERS at an undistingnished Norwich comprehensive found themselves promoted as the fashion models for their profession yesterday after winning a glowing dress-sense testimonial from the Education Secretary.

Gillian Shephard singled them out in a television interview on the Education Bill. She recalled the female members "looking as

though they had stepped out of the pages of Vogue" when she visited Earlham School in the summer. Mrs Shephard cited the elegant women as an example to a profession that, she said, sometimes underestimated its impor-

tance as role models. "I thought what an inspiration they must be to their pupils." Earlham attracted less welcome headlines little more than a mouth ago when a group of girls were

day at school. In 1994 12 per cent of its 15-year-olds gained five or more higher grade GCSE passes. Last year the figure fell to eight. Mrs Shephard said later that all

the staff had been smartly dressed but that the women had made a particular impression. The exchange, during BBC's

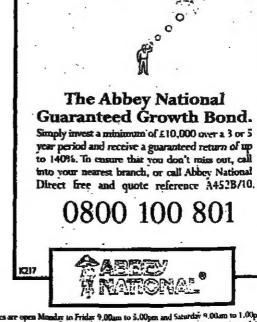
On the Record programme, may have come as a relief not only to Britain's teachers, still smarting expelled after a younger girl was from allegations of scruffiness, but

fashion magazine. Vogue has been at the centre of a row over its use of waif-like models, being accused of encouraging slimming to dangerous levels among young girls.

David Shaw, the Tory MP for Dover, is planning an amendment to the Education Bill requiring governors to lay down rules on what teachers wear. Each school Continued on page 2, col 3

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### Bingham warns law clash will dominate election

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT Lord Chief Justice will lead opposition to proposals

THE Lord Chief Justice warned yesterday that a clash between the judiciary and Government over sentencing proposals will dominate the run-up to the general election.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill ( indicated to Michael Howard. the Home Secretary, that his plans for automatic life terms and US style minimum sentences were a recipe for "tensions" and "unhappiness and challenge" in the country's

will lead judicial opposition to the proposals in the Lords and ment's flagship law and order warned that the Government's attempt to meet judges concern that the plan will fetter their discretion did not "meet the problem at all".

Lord Bingham's remarks will also serve as a marker to Labour - which has adopted a neutral stance over the billthat a future Labour Government would face the same judicial opposition. With Lab-

bill. Lord Bingham and his senior colleagues on the bench are effectively leading the opposition to the sentencing measures.

Lord Bingham made his unhappiness with the measure known when he appeared on BBCI's Breakfast with Frost programme. An array of senior present and former block the Crime Bill unless changes are made which give judges greater sentencing

Mr Howard's Crime Bill requires judges to impose minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers unless there are "exceptional specifically pressed for by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Bing-

this let-out phrase did not "do the business." He said: "I don't feel this meets the problem at

narrowly, to exclude cases where defendants had "psychiatric problems, financial apressures, family difficulties, threats of suicide'

Courts had interpreted "ex-

ceptional circumstances" very

In the run-of-the-mill cases.

coming up all the time and so a judge is going to have, if he's true to the intention of Parliament, to put his hand on his. heart and say, "is this exceptional? And usually it won't

Lord Bingham made clear that judges wanted the freedom not to pass a mandatory sentence in any case where "he considered in all the circumstances it would be unjust to

no give effect to his sense of what the justice of the case demanded and that's what he's there for, he's a professional paid to be expert in

these matters". In a second attack on the bill, Lord Bingham went on to echo the warning of the Parole Board that the abolition of the present parole system could

cause tensions in prisons. The present system, in which the Parole Board made the decision as to when a long-term prisoner should be released worked well, Lord Bingham

Instead, the bill proposed a system in which a "prison officer on the landing where the prisoner is would be deciding whether he should have three days a month because he had been cooperative or an extra three days because he was very cooperative. That was "an extremely difficult judgement to make."

ANEWS WELL

**Former** 

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revolt

Two former Tory education

ministers are among a group of 30 MPs sponsoring an amendment today on the restoration of corporal punishment in schools. But Gillian Shephard, the Education Sec-

retary, who is a personal

oppose the rebels today dur-

ing a debate on the Education Bill. Mrs Shephard made

clear yesterday on BBCl's On

the Record that she would

vote against her beliefs.

Raine divorces

The marriage of the former

Countess Spencer to a French aristocrat has been dissolved

by a French divorce court. Three years after they were

married in London, Raine -

the former stepmother of Di-

ana, Princess of Wales - and

Count Jean-François Tineton

de Chambrun have been

granted a divorce in Grasse in the south of France.

### **Brown says** EU social costs would be vetoed

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

GORDON BROWN will today promise business that a Labour government would veto any moves by the European Union to force Britain to accept European social sec-urity legislation and workers on company boards.

In Labour's clearest attempt so far to wou industry, the Shadow Chancellor will tell the Confederation of British Industry conference in Harrogate. North Yorkshire, that Labour would block any new regulations brought forward under the social chapter that

are seen to burden business. He will say that Labour would only allow proposals that it considers would boost productivity and employment. abour would also reject any attempt to weaken the veto within the social chapter in the fields of social security and "co-determination within the

boardroom". This means that Labour would block any moves to force Britain to accept plans for common benefit levels across Europe, including a minimum unemployment henefit figure and social security taxes. Business leaders the social chapter, as Mr Brown will realfirm today a Labour government would do.



in Harrogate today

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cial legislation could creep in which would be damaging to their interests.

Mr Brown's reassurance to business comes the day before the European Court of Justice is expected to rule that the directive imposing a maximum 48hr working week across Europe should apply to Britain.

The Shadow Chancellor is to tell CBI delegates that Lahour should now be seen as pro-business. He will say: "We must never return to a situation here in Britain where unlike in America and most of Europe, one party is seen as pro-business and the other is seen as anti-business."

He is planning to reject the "old dogmatic battles" between regulation and deregulation and add that Britain has to increase productivity and employment through new partnerships for investment in industry skills and new technologies. He will reiterate Labour's commitment to sign the social chapter "because we helieve that there is a social dimension to the single market and because we believe that an empty chair is not in fear that if Britain signs up to Britain's interests". However. Labour will "not countenance" any plans that burden

> Mr Brown will also set out Labour's objectives of low inflation, sound public finances and tough fiscal rules. As one of the strongest pro-Europeans in the Shadow Cabinet, he will repeat that Labour favours a single currency in principle but only if the right economic conditions can be achieved. He will say that the options of membership should be kept open.

John Major will tomorrow attack the decision on the 48hr week and say that he will block any progress at the Dublin summit.

Business, page 48



An animated Gillian Shephard during her interview for BBC Television's On The Record programme yesterday

Continued from page 1 would set its own code, but the aim would be to outlaw "sloppy" dress. including jeans, and stop male teachers wearing earrings. Mrs Shephard said the whole country

by teachers. But there should be no

need for a national initiative. The Education and Employment Secretary defended John Major's

free vote on the reintroduction of corporal punishment, while insisting that ministers support continued abolition. She said the Government's

banning the cane in state schools said its reintroduction would have idered if teachers' organ

Biggest aquarium

London Zoo is planning a £100 million aquarium, the world's largest, scheduled to open in 2001. It will be in the Albert Dock, in east London. surrounded by water on three sides. Inside the building there will be four tanks the size of Olympic swimming: pools, each holding up to I.1 million gallons of water, a-

#### Proops dies

Marjorie Proops, the doyent of agony aunts, died last night at London's Cromwell Hospital. Her age was a mystery, but she was thought to be in her late 70s or early 80s David Montgomery, chief executive of the Mirror Group. said: "I first met Marje when ! was a young sub-editor and she left me in no doubt who

#### 'eachers may shun tests for five-year-olds Curriculum and Assessment go on in nurseries to be

By JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR** 

A RERUN of the dispute which plagued the introduction of classroom tests for seven and II-vear-olds is threatening the Government's plans for a national system of "baseline assessment" at the

age of five. Nursery groups are press-ing for the tests, which are being tried in 360 schools, to be as wide-ranging as possible to give teachers a clear picture of children's progress before they start school. But the teachers' union which led the hoveout of national curriculum tests is gearing up for similar

action if its members consider the new format too time-

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Asso-Union of Women Teachers. told his members in the latest edition of the union newspaper. Career Teacher: "Inevitably, there will be workload implications, and NASUWT will be offering the appropriare support to those members who refuse the additional work. This blatant attempt to catch general election votes

teachers and cost a small fortune. Consultation by the School

will depress and demoralise

Authority, which finished on Friday, showed a clear majority of teachers favouring the most basic of three models for tests would concentrate almost exclusively on initial literacy and numeracy, providing a baseline against which the value added by schools can be

measured. But Susan Hay, who chairs the National Childcare Trust. said nursery groups feared that tests of this type would narrow the focus of pre-school education because parents would place such emphasis on the results. "We don't want the

other valuable activities which

ment must be broader." Mrs Hay, whose own Nurseryworks group passes on a detailed account of its

children's attainment schools, has been pressing the SCAA to recommend that children are assessed twice when they system is introduced nationally in 1998. As well as testing basic literacy and numeracy, an assessment would gauge the wider skills that children have acquired before starting school.

A SCAA spokesman said the authority was anxious to make the tests as concise as possible. although they would almost

certainly cover communicament already. and Jocal schemes would be accredited as long as they conformed Government requirements.

More than 2,500 schools responded to the SCAAs appeal for views on the three models. There was little favour either for the option of an open-ended assessment by teachers, or for the option of a more complex test based on the broad range of skills the authority hopes to see covered

in pre-school classes.

### was boss."

#### By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

A FUTURE Labour Government would split the post of Cabinet Secretary and head of the Home Civil Service. Tony Blair favours a Cabinet Secretary who can oversee all Government husiness and who will take on a more strategic role in driving Whitehall departments to imple-ment the legislative programme.

The head of the home civil service could also become a powerful new post in combination with a beefed-up Cabinet Office to drive forward Labour's proposed changes to the constitution. The notion has captured the interest of senior Labour figures who believe such a move would also make it easier to appoint Sir John

Kerr, the present British Ambassador in Washington, to the key post as Cabinet

Blair would split civil service roles

It is understood that Sir John. 54, has been involved in early discussions about the job. But as a Foreign Office man, it may be deemed inappropriate for him to take on the role as head of the home civil service. Sir John Kerr is unusual in a diplomat in that he enjoys the cut and thrust of party politics in Government and is known as a keen "fixer". He has also worked in a senior post at the Treasury, and was so valued that he was invited by Sir Geoffrey Howe, when he was Chancellor, to stay on and become

his principal private secretary. Another plus for Sir John is that he is an expert on European issues and during his

five-year posting to Brussels as Ambassa-dor and the UK Permanent Representative he drove through the Maastricht Treaty for the Prime Minister and was a familiar presence at Downing Street.

Mr Blair got to know him well during his trip to Washington in May, and he is also admired by Jonathan Powell. another former diplomat who is Mr Blair's chief of staff.

But Mr Blair and his senior colleagues want Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary who is also head of the home civil service, to marshall the transition period for Whitehall to adapt to a new Labour intake. It is unlikely, therefore, that the change would take place in the first few months of a Labour administration.

### **Tunnel shares**

SFO involvement and the Metropolitan Police have also been kept abreast of develop-

The Serious Fraud Office investigation is to be headed by Chris Dickson, senior assistant director, although it is understood that no office raids are planned at this stage of the

O'Donoghue, James spokesman for the SFO, said that the investigation was concentrated on events on the French stock market and there were no grounds for a domestic inquiry. The majority of

Eurotunnel share dealings have been conducted in France, although the company is quoted on both the London and Paris Stock Exchanges. and most shareholders are

The French inquiry is believed to centre around allegations that vital commercial information about the restructuring of the debt-burdened tunnel operator had been leaked into the market. The share deals date back to 1994. the year before the tunnel opened and shortly before Eurotunnel announced it was trying to re-arrange its debt.

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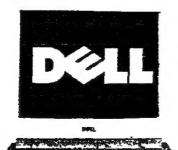
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### 'Now that we have shops trading on Sundays, that is when we observe the silence'

### Stores are divided on when to fall silent

AN ESTIMATED two thirds of the British population will observe today's two minutes' silence to remember the nation's war dead, although some big employers have de-

Safeway, Boots, Somerfield, Hanson and John Lewis are among the firms which have failed to respond to a direct appeal by the Royal British Legion. John Lewis, which owns Waitrose, called on the Government yesterday to give a clear lead in future on which day to observe a silence. Like many other retailers, it prefers to observe the silence on Remembrance Sunday, when fewer stores are open and those that do trade are less

The Royal British Legion has been campaigning to renew the widespread observance once given to Armistice Day, to mark the moment when the guns stopped at the end of the First World War at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh

Mildred Pelling, the poppy appeal organiser for Hastings and St Leonards in East Sussex, said: "It is very disappointing. The stores that choose Sunday think they will lose less money, but two minutes is not much to give to those who gave their lives."

The legion's campaign to renew the once-widespread of observance of Armistice Day began last year when it fell on a Saturday, and an estimated 27 million took part. It believes that two thirds of the population — about 38 million — will take part this year. Many of ing Guinness, Tarmac, Power-Gen, Cadbury Schweppes British Airways and Glaxo Wellcome have entered into the spirit of the revival, along with The Times. A spokesman

for John Lewis said: "We have great sympathy with the RBL's wish to raise the profile of Armistice Day. We believe that the nationally designated time for remembrance is the nearest Sunday and we do not want to detract from that wellestablished tradition.

"Now that we have some stores trading on Sundays, our position is that we will observe the two minutes' silence on Remembrance Sunday. On national matters such as this we believe it is for the Government to give a clear

Safeway said it also pre ferred to hold the silence on Remembrance Sunday. A spokesman said: "We believe more customers in nearly 500 stores will join us on a Sunday."

Boots is leaving the matter to the discretion of store

Charles Lewis, controller of communications at the British Legion, said: "We believe even more people will participate this year because it falls on a Monday, and so many firms. schools and colleges have agreed to observe it. We know it will never take the place of the Remembrance Day ceremony in Whitehall. We are just calling for recognition of Armistice Day."

British Airways rescheduled its morning Concorde flight from Heathrow to New York yesterday so as not to disturb Remembrance Day services around the country. The supersonic BA 001 flight would normally have left Heathrow at 10.30am but. because of the two minutes' silence at Ilam, the airline rescheduled its take-off to

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Moment of remembrance: The Queen laying her wreath at the Cenotaph yesterday, watched by politicians including Paddy Ashdown, Tony Blair and John Major

### Old wartime memories renewed by present sacrifices

ON A raw, grey, damp November morning, the nation again gathered yesterday to pay tribute to its war dead. Seventy-seven years since the first wreaths were laid on the Cenotaph in Whitehall, the ceremony has lost none of its solemn splendour nor its capacity to touch hearts.

Age may have withered and the years condemned all but a handful of those who survived the horrors of 1914-18. but a bost of veterans of later conflicts, as recent as the Gulf War and Bosnia, gathered in the drizzle by the statues of the admirals and generals who led them and their forefathers

John Young finds the Whitehall Cenotaph ceremony has lost none of its splendour nor capacity to touch hearts

Last year Britain celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War: this year it has been reminded of the massacre of the Somme, the biggest disaster in British military history, just 80 years ago. Next year it will be time to recall Passchendaele, the year after that the Armistice itself; in 1999 it will be 60 vears since Hitler marched into Poland and condemned a weary world to six more years

But the litary does not stale.

Yesterday we remembered the fallen as, if the number of young faces in the crowd were an indication, generations will continue to do. Young men and women, blinded or in wheelchairs in what should be the prime of life, reminded us that freedom continues to exact a bitter price.

As the rain eased, guards of honour took up station, including detachments from the RAF, the Royal Marines, the Royal Navy, the Household Cavalry and Her Majesty's

bands of the Brigade of Guards, in their sombre grey winter greatcoats, played the familiar tunes: Rule Britannia, Hearts of Oak, The Minstrel Boy and Men of Harlech. The pipes of the Scots Guards intervened with the haunting Skye Boat Song.

To the accompaniment of Elgar's sonorous Nimrod, the choir of the Chapel Royal led the procession of clergy preceding the Bishop of London, the Right Rev Richard Char-tres. Through the doors of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office came the politicians: John Major, Tony Blair, Pad-Trimble: three former prime ministers, Baroness Thatcher.

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Lord Callaghan of Cardiff and Sir Edward Heath; and members of the Cabinet. They were followed by 43 Com-monwealth high commissioners and the heads of the Armed Services. Finally they were joined by

the Queen and the Dukes of Edinburgh, York and Kent. The Princess Royal and her husband Captain Timothy Laurence, Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy watched from a balcony. Two notable absentees were Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who is suffering from a chill, and the Prince of Wales, who is on a nine-day tour of former Soviet states in central Asja.

As Big Ben boomed the first

utes' silence, memories etched in the faces of the old soldiers. sailors and airmen as they recalled past times and past friendships. A Royal Marine trumpeter sounded the Last Post and the Queen laid the first wreath, followed by her

husband and son. A short service conducted by the bishop included prayers, the hymn O God Our Help In Ages Past, Reveille and the National Anthem. To the accompaniment of Jeremiah Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, President of the Royal British Legion. laid

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Sgt Noble was remembered at a roadside service in Hove yesterday

### Human remains found in crashed Hurricane

BY TIM JONES

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AFTER the wreckage of a Battle of Britain fighter plane was found beneath the pavement of a seaside town, with human remains inside, a grieving relative of the young pilot said yesterday she could not rest until his grave was dug up to reveal whether it contains his remains.

Gwendoline Noble, 80, thought that after being shot down in a doglight 56 years ago the remains of her cousin Sgt Dennis Noble, 20. had been recovered and laid to rest in his home town of Nottinghamshire. and for years has been ensur-

ing his grave is well kept. But she was horrified to learn that in the remains of his Hurricane, found buried

Hove aviation archaeologists have discovered a skeleton clad in RAF flying jacket.

Yesterday, a service of remembrance was held at the place in Hove where the remains of Sgt Noble were found. A parachute was laid over the spot and local people marked it with flowers.

Mrs Noble said: "It if turns out that his body is not in the grave but is in the aeroplane, we will want a second funeral with full military honours.

This has been terribly upsetting for me and other members of the family. I won't be at peace until there has been inquiry. I must know whether we have been deceived by the military

Sadly, that must involve digging up the grave to see exactly who or what is buried is in that grave. It may be empty, or it may be that just a part of him lies there."

Mrs Noble added: There has always been a family myth that there were stones in the coffin and that when they buried him it was tilting to one side. If the grave is empty then it will be a scandal and raise the question of how many other families were

Keith Arnold, the archaeologist leading the dig aid: "I am shocked and stunned the

body was still there." Sgt Noble died on August 30, 1940, when his plane was shot down by a Messer-schmitt 109. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said he could not comment as the matter was in the hands of the

#### Pair steal poppy cash from widow

A 75-year-old widow was recovering today after being robbed as she cycled home after collecting money for the Royal British Legion poppy

appeal. Cynthia Shoosmith was cycling in Whitstable, Kent, when a car pulled up and two men got out. They pushed her off her bicycle, grabbed her collection boxes and drove off. The men, aged between 20 and 30, got away with about £100. according to Kent police.

#### Minister stabbed at cenotaph

A church minister was slashed across the face with a knife during an open-air Remembrance Day service in a Highland village. The Rev John MacPherson, 41, needed 16 stitches after the attack at the cenotaph in Scourie, West Sutherland, witnessed by about 40 worshippers. Police later arrested a man.

#### Memorial for VC winner

Northern Ireland's only recipient of the Victoria Cross in the Second World War is to have a permanent memorial more than 50 years after his bravery in the Far East, Supporters of James Magennis, who died in 1986, said he had been largely because he was a Roman

### Carrier crew recalls Invincible past

FROM MICHAEL EVANS ON HMS INVINCIBLE IN THE GULF

AS THE sun set in the Gulf and two huglers, one male, one female, played The Last Post, it was a poignant reminder that sailors have died for many different

causes in these waters. It was also a moment for the 1,100 men and women of the Royal Navy's grande dame of aircraft carriers to reflect on the grim late of those who served on a previous Invincible, which was mortally hit in the Battle of Jutland 80 years ago and sank within 15 minutes, with the loss of nearly all the ship's complement. There

were only six survivors. Many of those serving on today's Invincible have their own memories of war. Rear-Admiral Alan West, command-

er of the Royal Navy Task Group, headed by HMS Invincible, which is now deployed for an operational exercise inside the narrow Gulf waterway, was commanding officer of HMS Ardent in the South Atlantic in 1982 when it was struck by Argentine bombs and sank with the loss of 22 lives.

Others on board are too young to have tasted the fear of battle, such as Sarah Gill: 20, one of 110 Wrens on the carrier who represent the changing face of today's Royal Navy. Admiral West and the commanding officer of HMS Invincible, Captain Roy Clare, are both convinced that the women on hoard would

stand up to the ultimate test of war. The Remembrance Service on HMS Invincible was held on Saturday because yesterday the ship's crew was fully

engaged in an exercise with the US Navy which was intended to send a different sort of reminder to the regimes in Iraq and Iran that the West's two greatest navies have the capability and flexibility to operate close to their territories.

Although a Royal Navy carrier paid a port visit to Dubai in 1992, this is the first time that a British carrier group has taken part in operational training inside the Gulf since 1961.

Later this week HMS Invincible, a 25,000-tonne carrier, equipped with six FA2 Sca Harriers, new missiles and ten Sea King helicopters, will sail up to Kuwait to demonstrate Britain's continuing commitment, with her allies, to deter any further aggression in this region.

Photograph, page 24

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### Oilman in jet crash was flying home to propose marriage

By A Staff Reporter

THE girlfriend of a British oilman killed when a passenger jet crashed in a Nigerian jungle said yesterday that he had been on his way home to propose formally to her.

Julie Godfrey said that Ste-phen Shuckford had e-mailed a proposal shortly before stepping aboard the Boeing 727. 1 replied that he should go down on one knee and do it properly - which basically meant Yes'. I can't believe he's dead. I'm still waiting for him to walk through the door." Mr Shuckford, 32, who lived

with Ms Godfrey. 30, at Gorleston, Norfolk, was the first Briton known to have been on the airliner which crashed on Thursday. 25 miles northeast Lagos, killing all 143 people on board. Up to eight more Britons are thought to



E-mail love: Stephen Shuckford and Julie Godfrey

Godfrey, a finance officer at the University of East Anglia. said: "He's one of those people who, if he got out of the plane but could go back and get somebody else out, he would. He wouldn't think about himself.

"He had worked all over the world. I've known him only four months, but it's a lifetime. He swept me off my feet. He was my soulmate.

There's no way he wouldn't have been on the plane; he wanted to come home so desperately. I'm still waiting for him to come home and whisk me away to a desert island and marry me.

"It is confirmed that he's on the plane, but I won't believe it until they show me something. until they bring his body

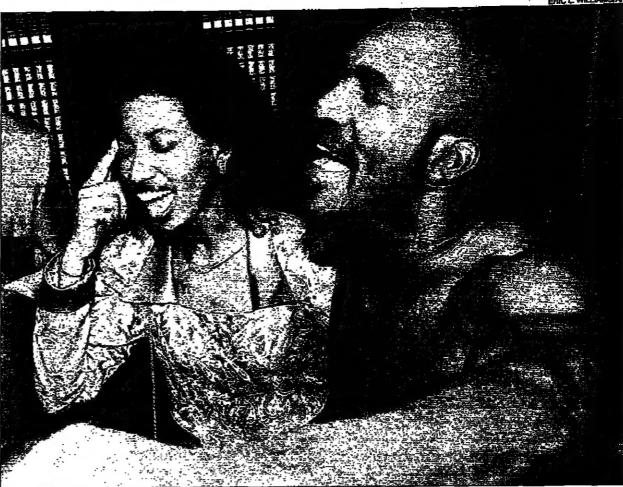
vorced, said that Mr Shuckford was estranged from his wife, with whom he had a two-year-old child son, Ryan, and that a divorce was pending. He also had a daughter. Carly, aged seven, The oilfield services com-

pany Schlumberger Wireline and Testing, for whom Mr Shuckford worked as a welltesting technician, confirmed that he was on the aircraft. Another Briton believed to have been a passenger was named last night as John Ingham, 49, from Shrewsbury. He was married with

The Aviation Development Company, the aircraft operator, has angered relatives by not releasing the passenger list, saying it had given it to the Federal Airport Authority

A spokesman for the British High Commission said: "Until we are able to identify people from the manifest to make sure they actually were travelling, we cannot release the names. From what they tell us. it is a very desolate scene, a scene of devastation."

The British had provided two four-wheel-drive vehicles to assist the authorities, and Shell had supplied helicopters. According to witnesses, villagers were using canoes to recover bodies from a lagoon where the plane crashed.



A jubilant Evander Holyfield celebrates with his wife Janice after the fight. He said belief in Jesus helped him

Continued from page 1 lump of old, cold meat to

feed to their shark. Afterwards, the softly-spoken new champi-on, wearing a "Jesus is Lord" baseball cap, offered an explanation for his unexpected win: I was washed up with everybody but I wasn't washed up with God. I told you, don't doubt Jesus."

He also had the support of most of the capacity crowd of 16,325, who chanted his name as victory became more than the distant possibility it was when the fighters first swag'Old man' beats Tyson

gered into the ring. Holyfield arrived in a gown inscribed "Phil iv, 13", referring to a passage which reads: "I can do all things through Jesus, which strengthens me." No wonder his seconds stress the

first syllable of his surname. Holyfield, from Atlanta, becomes the only heavyweight other than Muhammad Ali to win the title three times. Tyson's confidence was shattered in the sixth round when

Holyfield knocked him down and bloodied his face. The punch landed, symbolically, good fight and I look forward

on his heart.

Tyson's feared left hook seemed to have been left in the gymnasium, or perhaps one of the flash hotel rooms or "lapdancing" Manhattan bars he has tended to frequent since he returned to the ring after his spell in prison last March. The "Baddest Man on the Planet" fought the bout at

2221b (15st 12lb), the heaviest he has ever been. Tyson himself took his loss well: "I am not a guy who makes excuses. He tought a

to a rematch," he said. Look-

ing across to his vanquisher, he offered thanks for the contest, adding: "I have a lot of respect for you. Tyson was paid \$30 million

(£18.2 million) for the contest. while Holyfield went home with a cheque for \$11 million (£6.7 million) tucked into the champion's belt.

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### **Detectives** fight move back to the beat

Hundreds of Scotland Yard detectives are fighting moves to return them to the beat. The Metropolitan Police want officers to move back to uniformed duties for two years after between seven and 15 years in a specialist job, to give others a chance of wider experience. The proposals: would affect up to 4,000 detectives and more than 1.500 officers in the firearms unit, royalty and diplomatic protection, traffic and dog handling teams. Senior offcers have complained privately that the plans could endanger highly trained teams and disrupt CID work.

#### Air crew hurt

Seventeen members of a Brigish Airways crew were injured when their bus from Lusaka airport to their hotel was stoned as it passed through a student riot near the University of Zambia, the Foreign Office confirmed.

### Betjeman honour

A small stone tablet commen orating the life and work of Sir John Betjeman, the Poet Laureate who died in 1984. was dedicated last night at Westminster Abbey, on a pillar in the south transept in Poer's Corner.

#### Vows renewed

Chris Wardman, 31, and his wife, Mandy, 29, repeated their marriage vows of II years ago in a church at Guiseley, west Yorkshire, in the hope that it will help to rebuild the memory he lost in a car crash eight months ago.

#### Unsound case

A retrial has been ordered of a man convicted at Cardiff of attacking a police officer. The Court of Appeal ruled that because of a fault in the court tape-recorder, it could not be proved that the judge had made a proper summing-up.

#### Farmer crushed

A farmer found dead by his father near Ponsanooth, Cornwall, is believed to have been crushed when buils wall Colin Burley, aged 35. was divorced with

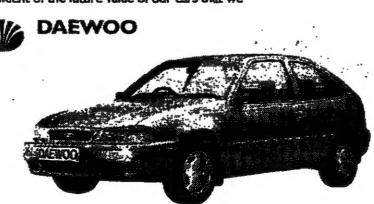
#### Fountain writ

A welder has issued a writdemanding that a metal fourtain unveiled by the Queen in Stratford-upon-Avon on Fri-day be dismantled. He claims he contributed ideas to the design, but the plaque names only the sculptress.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

TWICE in the past few weeks there have been reports of like rotting flesh. The paof their smell.

At the March Conservative Club in Cambridgeshire, the committee suspended a member for six months and expressed the wish that during this time he should have treatment for his feet, which smelt so badly that even when he was wearing clean socks. other members could not enjoy their drinks.

The problem of smelly feet occurs when acid forms as a result of dead skin being broken down by bacteria When the feet are sweaty, the bacteria have a field day. The first line of treatment is to reduce foot dampness by wearing socks made of 60 or 70 per cent wool combined with 40 or 30 per cent manmade fibre.

The nature of the weave is important; it has to be close. Cotton socks fail to mop up the sweat and all-wool socks become matted and claimmy. If necessary, a second pair of the correct socks worn over the first provides additional

If using medicated soaps, purnicing the dead skin of the sole of the foot and investing in best-quality socks do not cure the problem, the March Conservative should also wear all-leather shoes rather than moulded plastic with rubber soles. A more serious problem has

been reported this week in The Lancet. A Cardiff man pricked his hand with a chicken bone while working in a meat-processing factory, The hand became infected with Clostridium perfringens and started to smell. Soon the arm was smelling as well, and then the skin of the whole body. The smell is so intense that the patient has had to stop work, and his family find it difficult to be in the same room with him. Even specially absorbant clothing will not contain the odour.

Clostridium perfringens previously known as Clostridium welchii, was the cause of the notorious gas gangrene which infected wounded soldiers in the trenches during the First World War. It is still important on the home front, where it is the third most common

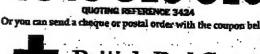
cause of food poisoning. The strain of organism affecting the Cardiff man has been isolated and in the laboratory it is sensitive to antibiotics. Unfortunately, although the initial wound has been cured, enough of the organism survives on the skin

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### £50m sports

fund aims to improve medal haul

By JOHN GOODBODY

UPTO £50 million a year will e made available from the National Lottery to pay leading athletes' expenses in an attempt to boost Britain's

sporting prowess. It is believed that some. especially in Olympic events. could receive up to £28,000 tax-free. Britain won only one gold medal at the Olympics in Atlanta this year, the weakest performance since 1952.

Details of the scheme, an nounced in April, will be confirmed on Thursday. The first applications are expected by January, with initial payments by March.

The scheme, called the World Class Performance Programme, will aid those who cannot earn money and often rely on parents and benefits: all will be means-tested.

Outstanding competitors would receive more cash than less successful athletes, but the amount would depend on income and individual requirements. Athletes will be able to claim for food, rent, equipment, travel and coaching fees, including going to specialist venues abroad. They may also apply for money to

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### Faith in horoscopes is a sign of moral decay say churches decay, say churches

THE breakdown of family life of England General Synod and traditional moral values in Britain are linked to the widespread decline in churchgoing and orthodox belief, Church leaders claim today. It could be a sign that society is on the verge of disintegration,

thar society is in danger of losing touch with its Judaeo Christian roots, according to the report on the "search for faith". While most people still have spiritual beliefs, Britain is witnessing the upsurge of a form of folk religion; epitomised by Mystic Meg

and horoscopes.

Many of these New-Age style beliefs have a Christian basis, but this could soon disappear because so few people go to church or have contact with orthodox Christianity, says the report, which looked at contemporary spiri-will be debated by the Church tuality, the pick-and-mix men-

next year. The Bishop of Rochester, the Right Rev Michael Nazir-Ali, chairman of the advisory group which produced it, said yesterday: "Civilisations have broken up in the past and we cannot be they say.

Even practising Christians hold unorthodox. New Agestyle beliefs, further evidence that ours will not the churches a challenge to the Churches to make sure that the barriers than from the separating them from the

community were lowered. The group, which included representatives from all the mainstream Churches, con-sulted Christian and non-Christian academics in an attempt to discover why 70 per cent of people in Britain believed in God, but only 14 per cent went to church. The group, which met over four years, also attempted to explore the consequences of this "fragmentation" of belief.

Dr Nazir-Ali said: "We have away from belonging to insti-tutions, the less do they have something to anchor their faith. People pick up all kinds of things. This drifting of looked at contemporary spiri-

tality." He said the study had provided evidence of surprising and worrying trends. "For some reason, a very large number of people from a Roman Catholic background believe in reincarnation. But

John Hemmingham, leader of the Kop band, is ready to boost its decibel power for the World Cup qualifier

### Hoddle picks new players for England

By Russell Jenkins

THE England football team is expected to have its own band in the stand when it meets Italy at Wembley for the World Cup qualifier in the new year.

The band has been recruited by Glenn John Hemmingham, leader of Shef-Hoddle, the team coach, who saw it field Wednesday's Kop band, is waiting performing for its home team, Sheffield to hear whether it will be invited back to

Wednesday. An experiment during the last Wembley international, against Po-land, was judged a success, although Mr Hoddle decided that the band should be official said the chances were "more than possible". Mr Hemmingham, 33, a trumpeter and used-car salesman, said strengthened with the addition of a horn he would have four drummers, a trombonist, a saxophonist and a sousaphone player available for selection.

England match report, page 29

### Shut the cathedral, says dean in feud

THE beleaguered Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, who has been involved in a feud with another senior ciergyman, yesterday called for the cathedrai to be closed for six months and exorcised, and for ... everyone from the bishop down to be sacked.

The clash centres on the acrimonious relationship beween Dr. Brandon Jackson and the Sub-Dean, Canon Rex Davis. Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has condemned it as a "scan-dal dishonouring the name of our Lord" and has called for both men to leave their posts.

Dr Jackson suggested the shutdown at a meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Synod. He said: "I'm calling for a clearout of the whole lot. That would include the bishop. The whole cathedral should be closed down for six months

Last year Dr Jackson was having an affair with the former verger, Verity Free-stone, 33, who is to begin a civil action this week alleging trespass against the person. He contests her claim...

The dean said: The only solution is for us all to go. The Church of England won't do it. because it likes to fudge

About 150 delegates repre-senting every Anglican church in the diocese discussed a

resolution submitted by Ray Snell, a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance. It was passed with four votes against and 20 abstensions. It said: "This synod expresses its grave concern at the failure of the dean and sub-dean of Lincoln to accede to the request by the archbishop that for the greater good of the cathedral and the wider Church, they should leave the cathedral."

The disagreement between the two clergymen became public when Dr Jackson criticised Canon Davis and contacted the fraud squad after a fund-raising project involved a loss of £56,000. The scheme involved taking the cathedral's treasured copy of Magna Carta to an exhibition in



The report describes a "maze of choices" for those. seeking a spiritual solution and asks: "What happens to people who search for faith, who travel on a spiritual journey, who encounter the gospel, but who do not join the Church? What are the barriers to belief? What of people who hear the Gospel but cannot or will not believe it? What of those who encounter the Christian message and respond, but do not want to join the Church?"

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Faith and the Witness of the

Church, examines five areas

of "post-modern life", includ-

ing organisations and how people belong to them, "im-plicit" folk and civic religion.

contemporary spirituality, sci-ence and technology, and art

and literature. Dr Nazir-Ali

said: The important point is that this is drifting belief.

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mix mentality."

Dr Nazir-Ali cited the interest in environmental and ecological issues as an example of fragmentation. There is a whole spectrum of belief. ranging from concern about what is happening to the earth, to neo-paganism. Some might stop at thinking of the world as an ecosystem that needs to be protected. Some will think of the earth in a more personal way." This could even extend to thinking

of it as a god or goddess. The report cited the need for ultimate values and beliefs," the Bishop said. The postmodern fragmentation we are experiencing is also an oppornity for the Churches." He said the report did not argue for a theocracy, but he believed society must acknowledge that its basic moral and spiritual vision was inspired by the Judaeo-Christian tradition.



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#### Councils seek new law to aid innocent

HOUSING authorities want the Government to introduce legal reforms quickly to make it easier to evict violent and troublesome tenants.

At present it takes at least 34 weeks to win an eviction through the courts, sometimes far longer. The association asked Lord Woolf's inquiry into civil justice procedures to "simplify and accelerate" the process. Lord Woolf agreed there

was a need to protect witnesses and his final report recommended that proceedings should begin using unsigned state-ments. Local authorities allow a neutral third party to interview vulnerable witnesses and give evi-dence for them. Jeanette York, of the Association of District Councils, said: "As landlords, the councils have to ahide by the law. which leans towards the assailant rather than the

### Mother of murder victim receives death threats

THE mother of a young man who died after being assaulted in his front garden has received death threats a week after his attackers were conricted of murder.

Dorothy Erskine, 53, whose son Anthony, 19, died when he appealed to youths to stop harassing his father, has asked the local authority to evict the murderers' families or help her to move.

Since their conviction, friends and relatives of Mark Hemmens, 20, and Damian Collins, lo, have allegedly gloated about taking revenge on Mrs Erskine's two other sons and her husband, Harry. who stood helplessly along-side Anthony the night he was attacked. Hemmens was jailed for life and Collins sentenced to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure for what Mr Justice Keene described as a "vicious, cow-

ardly anack Sitting in her living-room beside photographs of her son, Mrs Erskine, born in Malia. said she could not understand why her family was suffering. These people have no con-



Anthony Erskine: killed by neighbours on estate

science," she said at the former ily, devout Catholics, now owns on the Clopton estate in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. "They shout out to me they will put all my boys in coffins, and how can I take lightly such threats after what they have done?"

Her fears have grown since she found out that Collins's father, who lives three doors away, is to be released from prison next month. Police had to intervene when, allegedly, David Collins previously tried to attack the Erskine home

Sue, is serving eight months for trying to smuggle drugs to her eldest son, Leon, while he was in prison. Leon, 20. was convicted with his father for an attack on a neighbour. He was recently released and, within days, had allegedly threatened Mrs Erskine's

teenage daughter, Natalie.

Mrs Erskine said: "It must be wrong that I should give up my home, but what choice do I have?" She points to petitions going back nine years and the excuses she has received from councillors, explaining why they would not evict the handful of troublemakers who have blighted what was once an enviable estate to live on. will never forgive the official complacency. It took a murder to get our case heard, but how many more families suffer

and are just ignored?"

Mrs Erskine, a catering supervisor, says the family can find no buyers for the four-bedroom house, which was on the market for £60,000. The only option is to accept an offer from the hous-

daily abuse and harassment

The South Warwickshire Housing Association, which: took over control of the council housing stock a month ago, said: "We are aware of the distress, but we had to wait for the murder case to reach a verdict and now we can only. go by the book."

Jill Dill-Russell, A Stratford

councillor, said: "It is extraordinary that, if you kill somebody, that is not grounds for automatic eviction, but if you. damage the front door or something it can be."

Police have asked David Collins to leave the estate, but so far he refuses. Detective Inspector Peter Stanley, of Stratford police, said: "We do not want the Erskines to leave and will do everything in our power to stop any further harassment, but we cannot put a policeman on their doorstep for 24 hours a day."
Holding a picture of Anthony, Mrs Erskine said: "I

cannot take any more, but if I am forced to leave I will feel like I abandoned friends and



Dorothy Erskine at her home. She is asking for the killers' families to be evicted

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#### Trains to welcome bikes back on board

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT

TRAIN companies are drafting plans to win back cyclists'

hostility. Several, including Great Western, Chiltern, Anglia and Thames, are preparing to allow more bicycles on trains and install secure lock-up facilities. Many are setting up bicycle hire shops at stations and some are considering tickets that would make it cheaper to travel with a bicy-

cle than without. Most companies believe they can attract more cyclists out of their cars and into trains by making bicycles more welcome. The new rail operators have also been is-sued with guidance from the Government to improve facil-

moves is being made by Anglia, which is modifying all ló of its local, two-carriage, trains to carry bicycles, which will be welcome not only on off-peak but also on rush-hour services. If the new moves prove successful, the company may add a special carriage for bicycles.

### Cornwall shaken awake by earthquake

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

THE biggest earthquake to strike Britain this year knocked pictures off walls and cracked plaster in homes in west Cornwall yesterday. The tremor measured 3.8 on the Richter scale and was felt in towns and villages from Padstow to Land's End.

A deep rumbling was heard during the 20-second tremor at 9.28am. Police were inundated with calls. Andrew Plenty. 22, of Prior Sands, near Penzance, said: "It woke me up and there were things falling off shelves. It was a weird experience."

Richard Smith, manager of the Land's End Hotel, was woken as a picture fell off his wail. "It was very strong. The whole house shook, and there were people in the street afterwards trying to work out what it was," he said.

The British Geological Survey said that about 300 tremors a year occurred in Britain. with about one a week strong enough to be felt. The largest earthquake this century. which registered 5.4 on the Richter scale, happened in North Wales in 1984. Last March a tremor measuring 3.4 on the Richter scale hit the village of Harmer Hill, north

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### Power to the people - but who should speak for all?

By DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE growing use of "citizens" juries" by public authorities to help them to make decisions about local issues is causing alarm because too many jurors are unemployed or unrepresentative of the population.

Groups of 12 to 16 members of the public are paid £200 by health authorities or town halls to spend four days considering a local problem. such as NHS services or the redesign of a shopping centre. Critics claim that decisionmaking can be distorted because some jurors are there only for the money, or because a small clique could have too

much power. The use of juries as a method of democratic consultation - instead of commissioning an opinion poll or holding a public meeting was pioneered in the United States and Germany. It is already attracting interest from the Labour Party as a "big idea" to challenge John Major's cherished Citizen's

been asked to consider important questions such as whether a town needs a hospice, where women should get cancer treatment and what general practitioner services are most acceptable to withdraw.

It costs about £20,000 to choose the members, employ professional moderators to guide their deliberations and produce a written report. They have no statutory powers. Previously councils relied on elected members combining their knowledge of the com-munity with the specialist advice of officials. Labour proposes to use the

jury system as a way to involve the public in shaping the future of the gas, electricity and water industries. Last week Pat McFadden, a member of Tony Blair's office team. met Ned Crosby, the Minneapolis flour-milling heir who spent his fortune pioneering the idea by getting cross-sections of the American pub-



A cross-section, but how representative? The jury members in Lewisham called for the legalisation of cannabis and for heroin on prescription

eluded politicians. The two met in London at the Institute for Public Policy Research in London, a Blairite think-tank that has helped to run juries in the health service and published an enthusiastic report on the concept.

Voices on the Left, however. are beginning to sound a note of caution. Frank Field. chairman of the Commons Social Security Committee,

me is just how representative they are of the group they say they represent." There are already worries about juries in the legal system becoming unrepresentative, because people in work try to escape service on long trials. "We ought to be reforming the jury system and making it more representative, said Mr Field. Labour MP for Birkenhead,

One woman who served on a pilot citizens' jury which influenced mental health care in Kensington, Westminster and Chelsea, said that more than a third of her fellow jurors had been jobless. "That wasn't representative," Shir-ley Benn said. "Perhaps they were there in order to augment their benefits."

Critics also fear the system

towards a desired conclusion. There are also worried about selection. Organisers make a... profile of age, race, sex and location, to reflect the local population, but the weekday meetings exclude many work-

ing people.

When a pilot jury was selected to decide the future of waste management in West Hertfordshire, seven of the did not read any daily newspa-

director of British Pharma Group, a health research organisation which paid for two NHS juries, said: "If people don't read newspapers, how do they form views? If you have a jury meeting on Tues-day and Wednesday, you take out a sizeable churik of the population. You have to look at whether those views are

ional jury in America. In both countries, deliberations last from

four to six days and participants

are paid for their time. American

jurors receive between \$75 and

\$100 (£47 to £62) a day, plus

German jurors are compensated

pers. Ed Stanford, executive representative of the commun-

in the borough, 45 per cent of whom have used illegal drugs, 28 per cent in the past year. Councillors have resisted backing the legalisation of cannabis, which is far beyond their powers anyway. The local health authority has yet to be convinced that it should begin prescribing heroin. The education programme re-quested by the jury, with the philosophy "Drugs are here to stay — teach young people how to take them safely, is too

Lewisham

jury voted

for end to

ban on

cannabis

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A CITIZENS jury which was asked to recommend a drugs policy for an inner London borough called for the legalisation of cannabis, the

prescription of heroin to addicts and the rejection of the

message "Just say no". The south London borough

of Lewisham spent £23,000 assembling 16 locals to debate

drug education and treatment

options. They were chosen on grounds of sex, housing, work,

ethnicity and class. Although the council has been unable to

fulfil the jury's wishes, the

results suggest that it was at least representative of people

expensive. Walsall Health Authority had more reason to be pleased with its citizens' jury, which helped to defuse the issue of why the town had no hospice.
Health chiefs who said they
could not afford one were
pleased when the jury took the decision of declining to back calls to open one immediately In Cambridge and Huntin

don, jurors changed their minds from believing that large amounts of money should be spent on pioneering treatment of patients such as Jaymee Bowen, and instead decided to give priority to better treatment of minor.

### Notable triumphs for popular will in Germany and US

**GERMANY and the United States** have used citizens' juries for the past 20 years to settle topics that have ranged from reducing teenage abortions to the siting of a power station.

In Cologne, jurors rejected the city council's entire range of choices for a new civic hall and insisted upon a design featuring

trees and an open space in front. The juries, which are known in Germany as planning cells, are used by local and national government to test public opinion on construction projects.

They have passed judgment on such controversial questions as the routes of motorways and bypasses, and sometimes have scored notable victories for the people

American citizens' juries have

tackled a wider range of subjects than their German counterparts. Nationally they have included President Clinton's health care reforms and, at state level, welfare policy and teenage crime.

these was the 1989 jury on at-risk children in New Haven region of Connecticut. It explored why teen-age unemployment, crime and abortion were consistently high in

the region. The jury pinpointed the areas of greatest need and came up with the disarmingly common-sense suggestion that children should be involved in the decisions that directly affected them.

Political parties have also used the juries to rate candidates running for public offices such as senator, mayor or state governor. In Germany, jurors are selected

register to make up a planning cell of 25, dividing into groups of five for more detailed discussions. By contrast, juries in the United

States are carefully engineered, using telephone surveys to repre-sent a cross-section of society. Age, race, gender, and education are all considered. The cost of the setting up and

for loss of earnings, payments to employers and the provision of childcare. running the juries range from £13,000 for a local project in

### MPs end 200 years of secrecy

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLIFICAL CORRESPONDENT

disciplinary "court" are broadcast. For the first time, cameras will be allowed into a hearing of the Commons' most powerful committee which can recommend an MP's suspension or even expulsion from Parliament.

The Standards and Privileges Select Committee and the disciplinary committees that preceded it have been curbed by rules of secrecy for more than 200 years. Even cash-for-questions allegations, discussion in public of the He will give evidence for up to

POLITICAL and television committee's private delibera- three hours, Mr Willetts will history will be made tonight tions can technically place an be asked to explain a conver-when the proceedings of MPs' MP in contempt of the Com-sation he had while a Tory Boothroyd, the Speaker, demanded openness in investi-

gations of allegations against

MPs, the committee has agreed to open its doors. Committee Room 15 and an overspill television room will be packed with members of the media and public as David Willetts, the Paymaster General, explains his role in an earlier Commons inquiry into

whip with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, the former chair man of the now-defunct Members' Interests Select Committee, who will also give evidence tonight. Labour claims that a note

written by Mr Willetts suggests that he tried to persuade Sir Geoffrey to defer an inquiry into allegations that Neil Hamilton, the former Trade Minister, accepted gifts from Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods.





### Britain knew Jews were being killed 'before Auschwitz'

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

BRITISH intelligence knew about the widespread massacre of Jews in the Second World War as early as 1941, according to newly released records of decoded German

The 1.3 million pages of intercepted German messages also provide evidence that much of the killing in the early years of the war was carried out by ordinary German police units, not the SS.

The transcripts of the secret British code-breaking operation known as Ultra inter-cepts, disclosed in The Washington Post, are among the earliest records of the systematic killing of European Jews by German forces. The extraordinary thing about these documents is that they contain new information both about the Holocaust itself and what the West knew about the Holocaust," Richard Breitman, a history professor, told

Mr Breitman used the Freedom of Information Act to request the records from the National Security Agency, which had received the documents from Britain. The intercepts, which are headed "Most Secret. To be kept under lock and key: never to be removed from the office", are still secret in Britain.

The code-breaking records, which cover short periods between July and September 1941, are particularly valuable because the early stages of the war are poorly documented. After Hitler's invasion of Russia on June 22, British intelligence had a spell of success in cracking the codes of cables sent by German commanders

in Russia back to Berlin.

The documents suggest that the Russian invasion triggered systematic killing of Jews, well before the concentration camps at Buchenwald and Auschwitz began operating in 1942. Mr Breitman also argues, contrary to conventional wisdom, that it was the municipal squads of Order Police who were primarily responsible for the killing in the early

stages of the war.
The documents will revive controversy about whether Western governments ignored intelligence about atrocities against the Jews, concentrating on enemy troop deployments. They will also fuel demands for a rise in estimates of the number of Jews killed in the war. Mr Breitman, who argues that the total could be closer to seven million than the usual estimate of six million, says that half a million Jews were killed in the Soviet Union in the last six months of 1940.

One cable, filed to Berlin from Belarus by Commander Erich van dem Bach-Zelewski on July 18, 1941, reported: 'In yesterday's cleansing action in Slonim [Belarus], carried out by police regiment centre, 1,153 Jewish plunderers were shot." Another, from Ukraine on August 27, reports that Order Police Battalion 320 shot 4,200 Jews near the town of Kamenets-Podolsk; four days later, it reported another 2,200

At the same time, historians are starting to wade through 15,000 pages of Russian documents on the same period of the war, turned over last month by the Russian Government to the US Holocaust Museum. They are expected to provide an exceptionally full picture of the months of the invasion. As well as intelligence reports, they include interviews with witnesses compiled by a Soviet war crimes commission after the



Naina Yeltsin talks to Renat Akchurin, the surgeon who carried out her husband's quintuple bypass operation. He admitted there had been times when he thought surgery would have to be cancelled completely. Doctors said yesterday that President Yeltsin's condition was satisfactory, but he is expected to remain in hospital for ten more days

# Spain's fiery fisheries minister

gathering of European Union

aims to calm troubled waters

SPAIN'S hardline Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Loyola de Palacio, flies to London today for bridge-building talks with her British ministerial counterparts, Tony Baldry and Douglas

Uppermost on the agenda is the festering dispute over the question of "quota-hopping" Spanish trawlers. Britfisheries department officials are predicting a generally less hostile approach at today's meeting from Senora de Palacio, who lost her temper with Mr Baldry in Luxembourg last month at the

fisheries ministers. Under the abrasive Schora de Palacio, a lawyer on the Right of the ruling Popular Party, fisheries has drawn level with Gibraltar as an obstacle to better Anglo-Spanish ties. By transferring 3 per cent of its fishing fleet to the British flag. Spain has been able to claim its fleet has been reduced. Meanwhile, Britain is resisting EU moves to cut fleets

is outlawed. Señosa de Palacio needs desperately to settle the ques-tion. Spain owns a third of

forther until "quota-hopping"

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID Europe's fishing fleet (not counting "quota-hoppers"), and some 2,300 Spanish vessels depend for their catch on foreign waters.

Spain is, however, beginning to appreciate that a refusal to compromise might be counter-productive. Señora de Palacio will be seeking British support for her country's long-term aim of safeguarding its agricultural sector from reductions in EU support once countries such as Poland become members. It has already sought similar assurances from France and



An anti-tax protester raises an effigy of a Prodi-Pinocchio

### **Protests threaten Prodi** hopes of joining EMU

From Richard Owen in rome

ITALY'S Herculean attempt to join the European single currency was in turmoil last night after the right-wing opposition mobilised hundreds of thousands of supporters in Rome at the weekend to protest at planned tax rises.

Talks between the Government and opposition to find a compromise before the budget vote next week broke down last night, and President Scalfaro appealed for "calm

and dialogue". Vincenzo Visco, the Finance Minister, had suggested that the tax increases — designed to help Italy to meet the Maastricht parameters for a single currency - could be separated from other budget provisions and discussed in

Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and former Prime Minister who leads the opposition as head of Forza Italia, saw this as a climbdown. But Professor Romano Prodi, leader of the Centre Left government, said that any compro-

mises by the Government "would not be a direct result" of the demonstrations. He said a "significant minority" had protested, but was clearly shaken by the turnout.

Earlier Signor Berlusconi told a rally at San Giovanni Lateran that Italian democracy was "in danger" and the Prodi government should "go

Signor Prodi said he was willing to negotiate "modification" to the budget with the opposition before the final vote in the Lower House at the end of next week. Rally organisers said a million people had responded to their call for protests against the 1997 draft budget which is designed to meet Maastricht parameters. But police and the media

put the numbers at around half a million. The Left mocked the well-heeled demonstrators, many dressed in suits and ties or designer casual clothes.

Signor Berlusconi said the austerity budget, which includes a special one-off "Euro tax", "is not going to get us into Europe anyway. We demand that it be dropped". At one stage Signor Berlusconi lost his temper, accusing Channel Three of RAI. Italian state television, of "Leftish" coverage demonstration.

But Lucia Annunziata, the head of Channel Three news. said the station had provided full coverage, showing effigies carried by demonstrators of Signor Prodi as Pinocchio, the wooden puppet whose nose grows longer the more he lies. New York: The European Union runs the risk of higher unemployment and interest rates as it moves toward a common currency, the financial rating firm Standard and Poor's warned. It said "there is a very real risk that for countries at the heart of Europe — Germany, France and The Netherlands — interest rates will rise" in the early stages of adopting the socalled euro currency. (AFP)

### **Moscow** cemetery bombing kills 13

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A REMOTE-controlled bomb cut through a packed group of mourners in a Moscow cemetery yesterday, killing 13 and wounding 16, in Russia's worst act of gangland

Witnesses at Kotlyakovskoe cemetery said the device went off as scores of people paid their respects at the graveside of Mikhail Likhodei, the controversial head of an Afghan war veterans' charity, who was himself murdered in a bomb explosion two years ago. His widow and his successor in the job were among yesterday's dead.

"We come here every year to pay our respects," said Alisha, a tearful witness, who clung desperately to her grandson, who narrowly escaped injury. This time there were about 150 people by the grave when suddenly there was a huge explosion and black smoke. It was total devastation. These people have no respect. It was an act of pure evil.

The power of the blast was so great that one victim, who took its full force, was blown

30 yards away. Colonel Stanislav Zhorin of the Federal Security Service, the secret police, said the bomb, the equivalent of 51b of TNT, was hidden under a table beside the grave and set off by a control wire that ran 40 yards from the site. "It was probably linked to the settling of old scores." he said.

Like several charities, the Afghan War Invalids' Foundation receives tax exemptions from the Government to help it to finance its assistance to some 14,000 wounded veterans. Because of their access to duty-free imports, the charities have become deeply involved with the mafia. Mr Likhodei was killed after a struggle for control of the Foundation with Valeri Radchikov, himself seriously wounded in a recent assassi-

nation attempt. Even by the standards of Moscow's gangsters yester-day's bombing set a grisly new record. This latest incident in a series of gangland killings will increase pressure for a crackdown on organised crime, out of control since the collapse of Communism.

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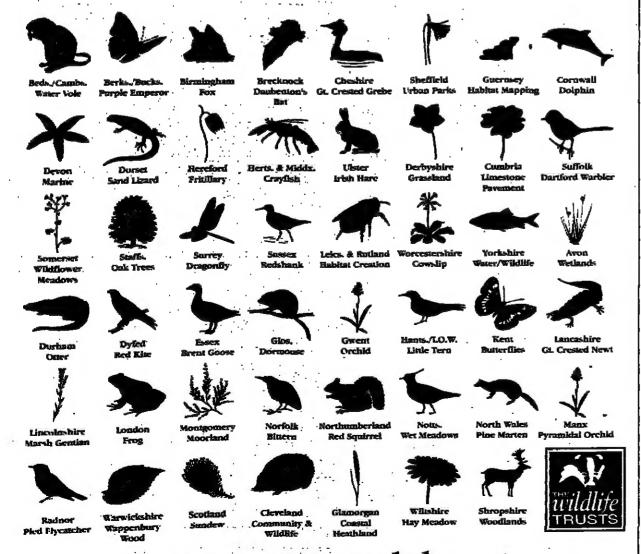
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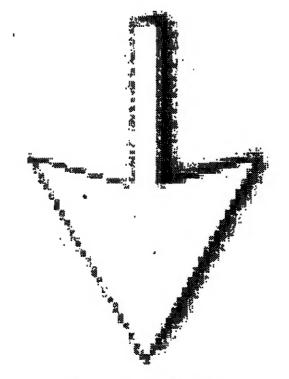
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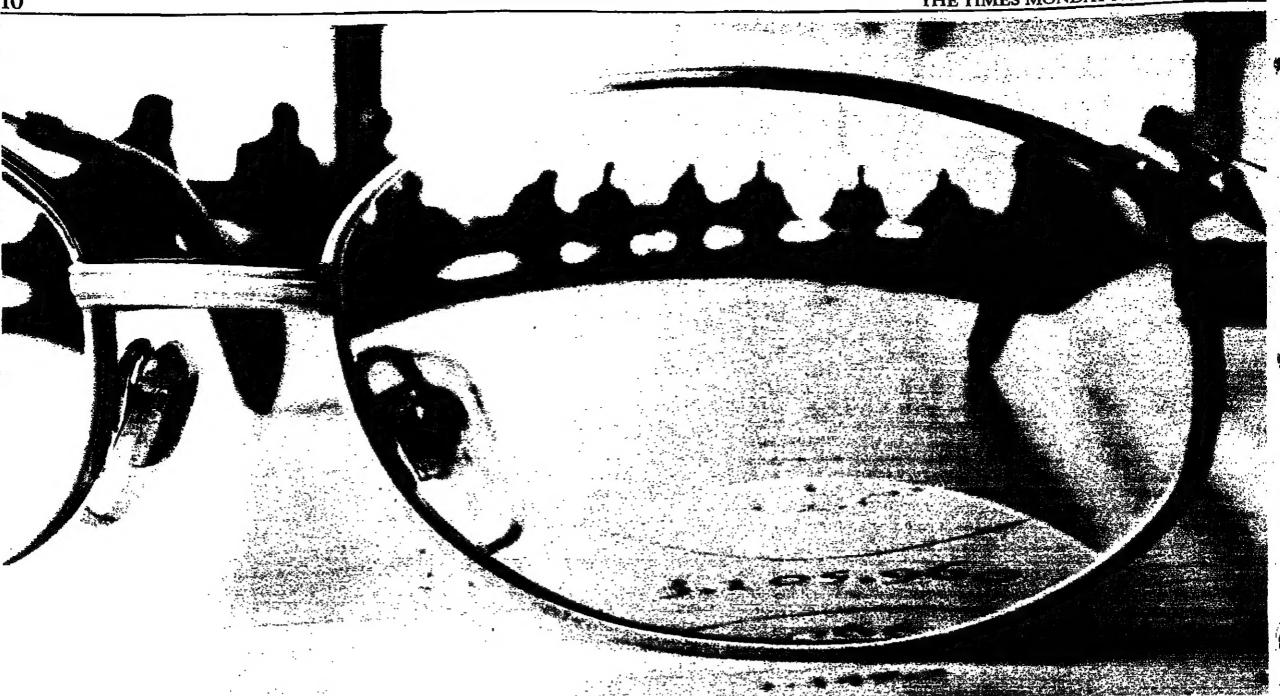
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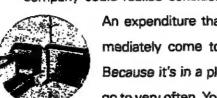
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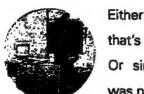


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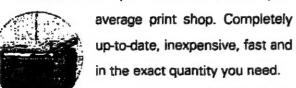
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### America holds the high-tech key to global humanitarian intervention

couple of years ago the Italian Prime Minis-ter decided to appoint one of the country's more unusual politicians, Emma Bonino, as a European Commissioner. The embarrassed officials of Silvio Berlusconi had difficulty in locating their new appointee to give her the good news: she was eventually found parading with a sandwich board outside the United Nations in New York.

Last weekend, Signora Bonino, now in charge of fish, consumer law and bumanitarian aid in Brussels was again railing at her



tary task force were a "scan-dal" and a "disgrace", she was again railing at her yelled asking. I really won-favourite target. The counder how they can sleep at tries at the UN which pre- night." Confronted with such

lawyerly talk about how sending troops has not been ruled out, how it all needs deeper study and how there will be another meeting soon. His completely frank answ to Signora Bonino would be British troops will go to Zaire over my dead body—or at the very worst only with plenty of American help, which we won't get And I

world's problems, wants a sleep just fine, thank you."
The wide gap between recent head of the German army once looked forward to what voters say they want governments to do and what the day when his nation's soldiers would take an oath they are prepared to pay for of allegiance to the EU flag.

vulnerable stream across television screens. Most politicanitalised and becoming more so with every cut in Atlantic would like some public expenditure made by thing undefined called "Europe" to firefight in crises cents trying to qualify

for the single currency.

In the EU, only Britain,
France and Greece spend without needing US help. crmany, driven by its more than 3 per cent of their history to argue for supra-national, colgross domestic product on defence; most states spend less than 2 per cent. The lective solutions to the American figure is 3.9 per cent. The US spends 17 per cent of its military budget on the leading priority for the next century, information technology and communica-tions, while Europeans spend 4 per cent. There are no

radar or infra-red sensors, nor likely to be. There are precious few imaginable military deployments which Europe could manage without American help. Zaire plainly is not one of them.

ast summer, the 16 govsigned a document in Berlin which ingeniously managed to accommodate everybody. The document talked a great deal about European defence, while carefully ensuring that no European deployment decision can ever be taken without American agreement or

sound military advice. Armies cannot be flung round the globe at the whim of a Signora Bonino.

Aside from her, everybody is happy. Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, can talk, as he did last week, about creating an EU defence policy over the next decade. He can even write it into the Maastricht treaty: it will not change what happens. Events will show that some of the deepest European integration is taking place in the "Atlantic" alliance, where multinational teams of officers rehearse endlessly for emergencies involving their coun-try's survival or for ethnic

Herzegovina. Military policy on Bosnia is made by informal consultation between America, Britain and France. Three years ago this month, I wrote a think-tank pamphlet. The Eurovision Defence Contest, which suggested the way out of the EU-Nato deadlock would be a dose defence understanding between Washington, London and Paris. While I never believed this would happen and I am sure my advice went unheeded, something of the sort has occurred. The contest was won by good sense.

GEORGE BROCK

### Retreating Hutu extremists go on killing spree

EXTREMIST Hutu refugees murdered Zairean hostages and slaughtered villagers in a fit of revenge before abandoning a vast eastern Zaire camp head of a rebel advance.

Eleven villagers, including a mother and her two children, a boy, four, and a girl, six, were burnt alive on October 29 in the Care Australia medical centre in Katale Camp, 30 miles north of Goma, They had been abducted at gon-point from the nearby Rutabe village by members of the Interchantwe, the murderous Rwandan Hutu militia.

Another 18 people were slaughtered the next day inside their home in Rutabe itself when gunmen locked them into a building and riddled it with boilets. There was one survivor, a woman aged 44, who was shot direc

times in a thigh.
Hundreds of children and thousands of other civilians have been kidnapped by the Interchamwe to act as a human shield inside hijugunga Camp, where they are

The scenes in Katale explain. why the rebels called a ceasefire to allow aid imio bibigs five days ago. The closer to defeat the Hutu extremists day after their killing spree.

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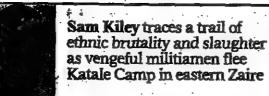
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Internhamme set it alight," he Tutsis and Hutu moderates in 1994. A former government said, as a barefooted boy, no more than ten years old, tipped another cardboard box official in the capital, Kigali, he once boasted to the Red Cross that he had organised the burial of 60,000 Tutsis full of earth on the body of the mother. We knew all the dead. They were our neighthere, 17 per cent of the prewar boors. I cannot understand population, all murdered bewhy they should do this." een April and June.

Josephina Katingu, 44, sat at an awkward angle as she After fleeing to Zaire to escape the Tutsi-dominated sold how the Internhamme rebel army's advance and setting up in Katale as its chief. arrived at her home on Octohe said: "Why does everyone talk of genocide? There are ber 30. They came at about zine at night. We heard them coming and so locked our-selves into the house. They numerous Tutsis left alive. We have not finished." tried the door but it would not Under the control of men such as this, half a million

give way so they fired into the building, they just kept firing," she said, showing the three Hutu refugees from Rwanda are now scattering from the bullet holes that ran up her camps they have abandoned thigh to her buttocks. She was in north Kivu. the easy survivor. The others, No effort was made by the all esembers of her family.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to separate the civilians from their extremist leaders. Instead £1.5 billion was pumped into the camps so that the refugees could be given free medical care, free and clean water to home, free education and free food. Their hosts, the Zaireans, who are their latest victims, continued to toil in their fields, with no access to Interchanne-policed camps.

Tembo Vyande joined about 2.000 Zairean peasants in collecting plastic sheeting and the pots and pans left behind when the refugees fled. "It is better for us now that the refugees have gone. They were ng the food while we were going hungry. They were very nasty to us," he said. Many of the Rwandan



A Rwandan waits to cross the Zairean border in Gisenyi to return to her home

Hutus now fleeing as far as Zambia, Tanzania, and to Kisangani, further into Zaire's interior, are innocent. Some escaped the grip of the militia, who had insisted they head to Mugunga and flee into the dense Virunga Forest.

hundred shuffled into Goma. "Where are you going?" they were asked. With a smile of relief one man replied: "To Rwanda, of course, where else? I'm going hame.

#### into the buffers FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AN EFFORT by the United 4,000 to 5,000 men to provide Nations to save the lives of refugees uprooted by the fighta buffer between the warring factions on Zaire's border with Rwanda, France and Spain

UN effort to help

refugees runs

ing in eastern Zaire ran into obstacles at the weekend as Rwanda and Zaire apparently sought to impose conditions on outside intervention.

Raymond Chrétien, the UN special envoy, expressed annovance after talks with officials in Rwanda and Zaire. "It is very frustrating to see more obstacles than attempts at solutions," he said.

Mr Chrétien, Canadian Ambassador to the United States and his country's former representative to the countries of the Great Lakes region, said he had proposed a plan that would not be easy for Zaire to accept. Zaire is reluctant to allow the refugees to regroup in camps on its territory. It also wants the UN to condemn Rwanda's support for ethnic Tutsi rebels in the country.

The results of Mr Chrétien's mission will be fed into a report by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, on the possible role of a multinational intervention force, due to be delivered by November 20. The report was requested by the UN Security Council in a resolution adopted on Saturday which fell short of authorising foreign military intervention.

France had wanted immediate UN backing for a force of have each offered to provide 1,000 troops. America and Britain remain sceptical, however, about any military intervention that does not enable refugees to return home to Rwanda and Burundi.

With no consensus on the mandate of a force, the Security Council simply asked governments to prepare for the despatch of a "humanitarlan task force" with the objectives of getting aid to the refugees and preparing for their voluntary repatriation.

America seemed to be moving towards a decision to provide airlift and other logistical support for military intervention, but no ground troops. There is an emerging international consensus that humanitarian intervention will be necessary," a US official said. "There is also an emerging consensus that, to be effective, a humanitarian intervention will require a security component. We are studying what role the US might play as part of such a security component." Madrid: Spain has told the

UN that an aircraft that left Madrid in 1994 and is being investigated for shipping arms to Rwanda carried only food, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday. (Reuter)

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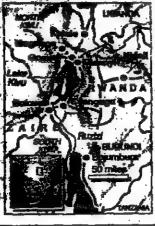
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ISRAELI security forces yesterday began arresting Jewish extremists in Hebron, after warnings that they plan to use violence to scuttle a redeployment of troops in the West Bank town.

Noam Federman, a former spokesman for Kach, the outlawed anti-Arab underground movement, became the first to be arrested in an early morning raid on his home. Mr Federman and two other men were placed under administrative detention. His wife, Elisheva, said her husband would be held without trial for two months.

The arrests came a day after thousands of Israelis marched through Hebron in support of a small Jewish settlement there. A counter-demonstration by a group of Israeli Arabs clashed with Jews and police, who said the protest had not been co-ordinated with them and was therefore illegal. After calm was re-stored, Avigdor Kahalani, the Israeli Internal Security Minright-wing activists from Hebron and elsewhere in the West Bank would be arrested before the troop movements. Israeli troops yesterday shot dead a Palestinian man and

clash with Arabs attempting to demonstrate against land confiscation on the West Bank. The violence empted after soldiers stopped a crowd of 200 Palestinians on their way to protest over seizure of land

wounded it people during a

### Pope to follow in footsteps of Moses

FROM RECHARD OWEN

THE Pope presided over a Mass and open air concert in St Peter's Square yesterday at the climax of week-long celebrations marking the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination and vowed to "follow in the foosteps of Moses and Abraham" by making a tour of the

Middle East. The postiff, 76, who underwent an appendectomy a month ago, presided over a Mass with nearly 2,000 der-1946. Jewish, Muslim and Christian singers sang a mod-em anthem while white doves

were released. The Pope showed no sign of relaxing his sternly conserva tive views, launching yet another attack on contraception as "an instrument of false that his bodily powers were ing of the years". But he promised to continue in office as long as God wills" and sympathy with Jeremiah's la-ment "Oh Lord, I cannot speak for 1 am old"

In Corriere della Sera, Dr Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican spokesman, said that the Pope was planning at least five trips abroad next wear. He was also determined to follow in the footstens of Abraham and Moses by visiting the main biblical sites, including Egypt, Mount Sinai, Jordan, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Syria and



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### **Glenys Kinnock** smuggles Suu Kyi video from Burma

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

British MEP, posed as a tourist to meet Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader, in Rangoon.

At a Brussels press conference yesterday, Mrs Kinnock described her secret trip and how she smuggled out evidence against the Burmese Government. She had to make her first contact with democracy campaigners in a women's lavatory in Rangoon. Mrs Kinnock, MEP for

South Wales East and the wife of the former Labour leader. has been an outspoken critic of the Burmese authorities. She said she arrived in the city on Friday on an ordinary tourist visa obtained in Bangkok. It gave her occupation as

"It was a very unpleasant atmosphere and a very tense trip," said Mrs Kinnock, who was accompanied by Glyn Ford, the MEP for Greater Manchester East. "They had no idea who we were, but we still felt very uneasy."

She videotaped an interview with Daw Suu Kyi and smuggled it out of the country in her handbag. "We could not meet people openly and we always had to make sure we were not being followed. I was particularly anxious about the possibility that the authorities might take the videotape off

me," she said. Copies of the tape will be available to MEPs in Strasbourg this week, with the aim of mustering support for a European Union investigation into labour conditions in Burma and to end the preferential tariffs that the country enjoys under an EU system designed

GLENYS KINNOCK, the to encourage developing na- admitted he had been paid to tions to manufacture and export. Mrs Kinnock said she and Mr Ford had delivered a message of support from Europe to Daw Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

> On Saturday, the Burmese opposition leader emerged unscathed from an attack by stone-throwers as she went to meet hundreds of supporters who were barred by police from gathering outside her home. A mob of some 200 Burmesc had rounded on her convoy after she left her house in the afternoon, smashing windows and denting a car.

At a hastily organised press conference in Bangkok on her way home, Mrs Kinnock, who had left Daw Suu Kyi's home two hours before the attack, said that the assailants were nothing more than a gang of orchestrated government" thugs". News agency reports quoted an unnamed diplomat as saying that one of the mob

Glenys Kinnock: wants

take part in the demonstration, led by Burmese carrying walkie-talkie radios - normally used by Military Intelli-gence and forbidden to members of the public. The Burmese junta, the State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slore), recently reintro-duced a blockade on Daw Suu Kyi's house in University

Avenue, Rangoon. Mrs Kinnock said: "Aung San Suu Kyi had told us she was determined to go out and her followers, She described those making attacks on her followers as nothing more than government thugs. These sort of tactics are not going to stop the movement for democracy.

What the Burmese Government did at the weekend has done more for the cause of democracy than all the recent lobbying by pro-democracy groups put together."

Before catching a Brusselsbound flight in Bangkok, Mrs Kinnock said: "Aung San Suu Kyl is committed to passive resistance to the Slore regime. She is very concerned at the prospect of future violence."

Mrs Kinnock added that the democracy leader was insistent that the imposition of international sanctions on Burma was the right course of action, despite Britain, France and other Western governments being against a trade

During her Rangoon visit, Mrs Kinnock visited a satellite town. Areas off the tourist track were horrific, she said, adding: "I have never seen such deprivation and such mainourished children.



Catherine McGrath, an Australian journalist, walks from a police station with East Timor activists in Kuala Lumpur. She was freed last night

### 'Bloodbath' fears at East Timor protest rally

FROM ROCKII MAYNARD

AN Australian and a Japanese deported by Malaysia for attending a conference - timed to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the so-called Dili massacre on East Timor - said last night that they feared "a blood-bath" when screaming Malaysian youths broke up the meeting. Andrew McNaughtan, 42, and Ihiro

Kimura, 21, were flown to Manila after Kuala Lumpur expelled 46 foreigners. The Malaysian Government had refused to sanction the

meeting for fear of harming ties with Indonesia, which invaded East Timor in 1975 and annexed it the next year,

Mr McNaughton, convenor of the Australia East Timor Association in New South Wales, said the meeting on Saturday in a Kuala Lumpur hotel had just begun when members of a Malaysian youth group allied to the ruling coalition stormed in and broke it up. "They ran amok," Mr McNaughtan said. "I was very frightened . . . a spark at any moment and it could have turned into a bloodbath."

Malaysia denied it had backed the

An Australian delegation to the onference included a Roman Catholic bishop, a doctor and an East Timorese lecturer who is studying for his PhD at Adelaide University. Other overseas representatives included four Americans, three Japanese and two Sri Lankans.

Fifty-nine Malaysians were also detained by police, who have been given four days to bring charges. A correspondent for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Catherine McGrath, was arrested while covering the meeting. She was among a group

The Manila Times attacked the incident in an editorial entitled "Shame, shame, shame". East Timor ese support groups in Australia con demned Malaysia for deporting those attending the conference. At a rally in Perfh, one of the organisers, Rob South, said Australia should be telling the Malaysian Government it strongly

opposed its action. John Howard, Australia's Prime Minister, described the detention of the foreigners as unfortunate, but pointed out that they had broken the country's rules by

### Corrupt MPs to face Pakistan polls bar

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S caretaker Government promised yesterday to bar corrupt politicians from the general election that it said would go ahead as planned on

February 3. A preliminary examination of government finances has exposed what appears to be a greater plunder of the nation's wealth over the past three years than anybody had imagined. There is widespread speculation that the election will be delayed, possibly for a prolonged period, while the anti-corruption drive seeks to bring huge numbers of government officials and politicians to book.

It will be almost impossible to complete the process by

February, Conducted properly, the purge would amount to political establishment since the end of martial law a decade ago. Every political party is nervous at what might be uncovered. The accountability process, as it is called.

could decimate all of them. There are thus powerful vested interests in seeing it curtailed and the acting Government is bound to meet resistance as it seeks to expose influential figures. Asif Zar-dari, husband of Benazir Bhutto, the ousted Prime Minister, is still in custody 30 miles outside Islamabad while preliminary investigations are held into his financial conduct.

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#### Chinese 'red prince condemned

Hong Kong: For the first time one of China's notorious "Red Princes", the offspring of the country's leaders, has been condemned to death, although the sentence has been suspended for two years (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

The sentence on Zhou Beifang, reported at the week-end by Peking sources but not mentioned in the local press, is also a further blow by the regime to the reputation of Deng Xiaoping, the 92-yearold and virtually moribund Senior Leader. Zhou is the son of Zhou Guanwu, one of Mr Deng's civil war comrades.

#### Mladic relieved of command

General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian-Serb army com-mander indicted for war trimes and wanted by the International War Crimes Tribunal, has been relieved of his post as the Commander of the General Staff (Dessa Trevisan writesi. Maior-General Pero Colic was sworn in as his successor at a ceremony in

#### Heavy firing on Kabul front

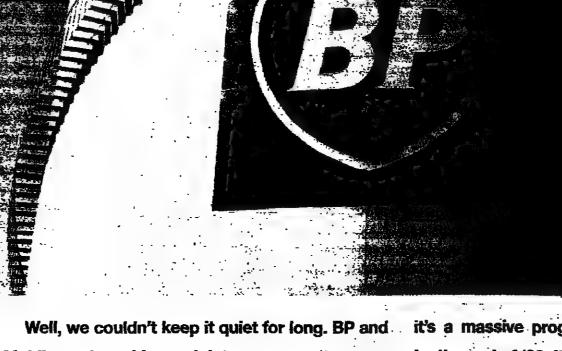
Kabul: Heavy exchanges of rocket and artillery fire raged along the front line north of Kabul, but there was no sign of any breakthrough by either side in Alghanistan's civil war. Taleban militia gunners launched a barrage on opposition forces, who responded with air attacks on Taleban positions, (Reuter)

#### Algiers bomb blast kills 15

Algiers: Muslim fundamentalists killed 15 people and wounded more than 30, including many children, in a car bomb attack on a bus taking workers to their jobs in the Algerian capital, security forces said. The bus was going past a schoolwhen it was blown apart. (AP, Reuter)

#### Ailing Sinatra leaves hospital

Los Angeles: Frank Sinatra, 80, who spent eight days in a medical centre amid reports that he was suffering pneumonia and heart problems, has returned home after what a spokesman and hospital officials said was treatment of a



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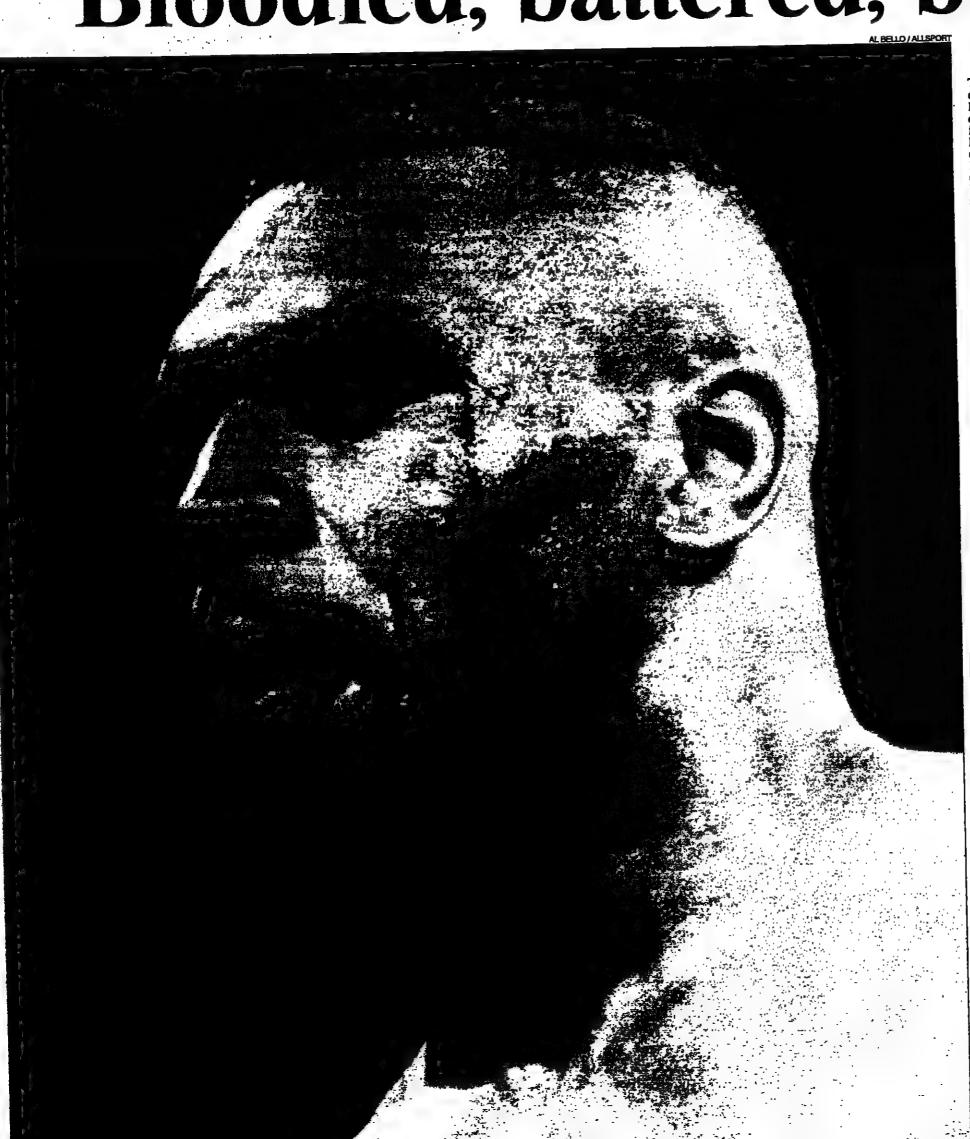
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### Bloodied, battered, beaten



FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN LAS VEGAS

THE heavyweight division came out of the shadow of Mike Tyson here early yesterday, a shadow as dark and forbidding as his scowl when he was being shown to his corner after being stopped by Evander Holyfield in the elev-enth round of their World Boxing Association championship contest.

For the past nine years, the division had been dominated by Tyson, so mesmerised were the luminaries of the sport by the eyes of the man who could freeze the blood of his opponents with a stare.

Boxing people did not even realise that they were living in a shadowy world in more ways than one, where good heavyweights such as Lennox Lewis, Riddick Bowe and Tim Witherspoon were marginalised in case they tested Tyson and ended the cozy arrangement that brought him and the alphabet men

millions. From his his four previous bouts, Tyson made \$105 million (about £68 million), but. at MGM Grand Garden, that ended. Before 15,000 people, Holyfield let in the light. He exposed Tyson's world of bullying and bluster by giving him the pasting of his life.

Holyfield's victory was doubly exhilarating because he is a quiet and modest man. A Christian, he said afterwards: "I've prayed all my life. I have never in my life had any dislike for Mike. I just got love for everybody. I wanted to be

the world heavyweight champion by fighting the best man. prepared myself to meet the best man. I prayed all the time I trained. I prayed when I was

fighting him. When I come to fight, I bring everything with Tyson, who is usually surly at press conferences and gives journalists short answers before a quick departure, sat dabbing his sore head with a towel and listening to

Holyfield with dutiful attention like a chastised small boy. He admitted that he had been fairly beaten. "I fought my best," he said. "He put up a hell of a fight." Then, turning to Holyfield, he shook his hand and said: "Thank you very much. I've got great respect for you. I hope we can do it again." Holyfield

nodded. The heavyweight division, which Don King, Tyson's promoter, had lined up for Tyson to unify against some of the worst champions that the weight has ever seen, is almost out of King's grasp. He still holds promotion rights for Holyfield's contests, but the

Lewis can now look forward to getting a title bout with Holyfield. Holyfield's victory has made heavyweight boxing a fairer place.

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Tyson, cut and bleeding, on his way to losing the world heavyweight championship to Holyfield by an eleventh-round technical knockout in Las Vegas

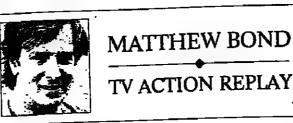
### Forget pasta, just save us from twilight zone

that happens. Just when you could strangle Richard Keys if he mentions "the greatest night in boxing history" again, when you'll scream if Reg Gutteridge says "I never thought I'd live to see the day" just once more ... that hap-Evander Holyfield

Suddenly, you're on your feet shouting at the television. the tedium of the preceding nine hours already a distant memory. "Did you see the fight live?" people will ask and already you can taste the sweet satisfaction of replying "Yes didn't you?" You shout some more at the television and, for the umpteenth time. Gutteridge shouts: "He's got him." Finally, gloriously, he is right. Rather more annoyingly, that means so was Keys.

sleep, I'm still not sure whether to forgive him. For despite serving up the only televised event this year to rival Michael Johnson's world record in the 200 metres, the ghastly memory of the very early hours of yesterday morning are still etched deep. This was the bit that no one at BSkyB had warned us about, this was Judgement Night: The Interminable Interregnum, the dull bit, the awful bit, the bit where, if a question was worth asking, it was worth asking five times.

This was the twilight zone, between 11.30pm and 2.30am, when the only excitement on offer was Lennox Lewis's bowtie and Ian Darke's regular updates from the post-bout party at Giulio's in Manchester. "We're having pasta for our main course," Darke



enthused. Keys scribbled it down - p-a-s-t-a, should be good for five minutes, "Ever had pasta, Lennox?"

It wasn't that bad, of course. it just felt like it. For while Judgement Night will be rightly remembered for producing one of the great events of televised sporting history, it should not be forgotten that, for hours and hours and hours, it was fantastically dull. Nobody - not Keys, not the excellent Barry McGuigan, the eloquent Duke McKenzie, not the nice Nicky

Piper and definitely not a jetlagged Lewis — can fill three hours of television when absolutely nothing happens. If Sky is ever in that position again, it should put something interest-ing on in the middle — like a repeat of the football, or Rocky

Darke and Glenn McCrory. Sky's regular boxing commentary team, must be furious at missing out on the big trip to Las Vegas. While they attempted alchemy in Man-chester, the MGM Grand had the rather redundant guns

from ITV Sport, Gutteridge ing at the television later, he and Jim Watt. Gutteridge, changed tack. Victory for who rather overdoes the "seen it, done it, can't be bothered to opinion actually. Jim." wear the T-shirt" approach, Watt, himself, had a crackwas clearly determined to resist the hype. "Big fight night." he scoffed, "we're rath-

er cynical, me and Jim ..." At that moment, Michael Moorer, the man who got us through the darkest hour, finally disposed of Francois Botha — But frankly we didn't expect these fights to be anything like as good as they

Unfair it may have been, but this was Gutteridge's and Watt's night. As Chris Eubank memorably told Darke in Guilio's: "It's not how the cookies crumble, it's who is the best fighter on the night." It was time to get it on. "Don't blink," Gutteridge instructed. Two rounds and lots of shout-

Tyson in the first three minutes? "That was never my

ing fight, calling it Holyfield's way from about round four. At the time, I thought he was tempting fate, warming us up for one of his famous 180 degree turns, but the anguished cry of "I thought that might happen" never came. As Gutteridge called "he's got him" for the last time, it was Watt who pointed out that Holyfield had just proved the entire world — and certainly the entire Sky studio panel wrong: "I didn't give him a chance - nobody gave him a chance." A night that just a few hours earlier had threatened the future of pay-per-view in Great Britain, had turned into pay-per-marvel.

### Hooper takes lead role in tour victory

CARL HOOPER, the all-rounder, played the key role for the West Indies as they romped to a nine-wicket victory over Western Australia yesterday at the WACA Ground in Perth. Hooper took four for 59 with his off spin, finishing with match figures of seven for 123 to add to his 84 in the first innings as Western Australia crashed to 170 all out in their second innings. The West Indies then needed just 4.3 overs to secure their win, ending on 26 for one.

However, the West Indies have several key players injured just II days before the first Test match against Australia in Brisbane on November 22. Curtly Ambrose, the fast bowler, has a groin strain and Brian Lara, their leading hatsman, and Junior Murray, the wicketkeeper, have

□Saeed Anwar, the opening batsman, hit an unbeaten 104 vesterday to steer Pakistan to a four wicket victory over New Zealand in their Champions' Trophy match in Sharjah.

### Relief for Burkett

BOWLS: The win by South Africa in the Manulife Regent Hong Kong International Pairs Classic at Kowloon yesterday came as a great relief to Neil Burkett, of Cape Town (David Rhys Jones writes). "I lost in the final of this event last year and the year before, so winning this time around, with Gerry Baker, meant a great deal to me," Berkett said, after South Africa had defeated Andrew Curtain and David File of New Zealand 24-20 Andre William Cortain and David File, of New Zealand, 24-20. Andy Wills and Stuart Airey, the England pair, had done well to qualify for the semi-finals, but were beaten by New Zealand.

#### Cardiff remain on top

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils retained their place at the top of the Superleague and also maintained their excellent away form with a 40 win over Basingstoke Bison on Saturday. Frank Caprice was their successful goaltender, saving all 33 shots he faced. Sheffield Steelers stayed one point behind the Devils, overcoming a two-goal first period deficit to heat Bracknell Bees 4-2.

#### Ivanisevic wins scrap

fvanisevic, right, overcame Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No I seed, and a partisan crowd to lift the Kremlin Cup in Moscow yesterday with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-8 win after a scrappy final. It was Kafeinikov's second unhap py final in a week; he lost to homas Enqvist at the Paris Open. Both players made eight double faults, bis Ivanisevic also served more



### Ilkeston breakthrough

POOTBALL: Ilkeston Fown recorded their first win of the season in the women's FA Premier League national division, albeit against Southampton Saints, the bottom circ, who are still without a point. Ilkeston won 32, but remain second from bottom, two points behind Tranmere Rovers. Everton continued their revival with a 34 win over Liverpool in the

#### Success for Whitaker

born wife of British rider Michael, made her first impact on the Volvo World Cup in the qualifier in Brussels yesterday. Riding Eldorado. Whitaker finished fourth, two places better than her husband on his Glympic ride. Two Step. She had the slowest of four clears in the L2-horse jump-off, which was won by Lars Nieberg, of Germany, on For Pleasure.

### Sussex surprise rivals

LACROSSE: Sussex sprang the first surprise of the women's senior county season after beating Middlesex, the national champions, 6-3 at the South Counties tournament in Sunbury yesterday. It was their first victory over Middlesex but Sussex failed to repeat the success, losing 4-2 to Surrey. Their six goals against Middlesex, however, were enough to give them the trophy on goal average.

#### Golden finale

KARATE: Great Britain finished on top of the medals table after some magnificent individual performances on the final day of the world championships being held in Sun City. South Africa, yesterday. Wayne Otto, in the 75 kilogram category, and Patricia Duggin, in the 60 kilogram section won the gold medals that lifted Britain above Japan in the

### Dual target drives Davies to boost spending power

THE golfing phenomenon that is Laura Davies just keeps rolling along. Yesterday, here in Japan, the incomparable Englishwoman won the 49th tournament of her career, the Itoen event in Chiba province, by the small matter of 15 shots.

Rounds of 68, 65 and 66, a total of 199, 17 under par. secured a first prize of 10 million yen (about £55,000) to give Davies her second Japanese victory of the season and her third consecutive triumph

Earlier in the year, in Phoenix, Arizona, she also won the Standard Register Ping tour-nament for the third successive time, indicating that, on some courses. Davies, the world No I, is out on her own more than on others.

Japan obviously suits Davies - last week, she lost the Toray Japan Queens Cup only in a play-off — and she has talked of spending a season on the Japanese tour before the end of the century. Doubtless Maruman, the Japanese club-

vies, is more than happy for the globetrotter supreme to continue gobbling up victories worldwide wielding its clubs as nobody else can.

Next week, Davles, an inveterate gambler, will be in Las Vegas for the ITT LPGA Tour Championship, the final event of the season in the United States, which will decide the money-list and the player-of-

the year title. At the moment, Davies, who has already finished No I on the American Express European Tour this year, heads both lists, ahead of Karrie Webb, the talented

rookie from Australia. It has always been one of Davies's ambitions to be No I in Europe and the United States in the same season - a remarkable achievement given the amount of travelling and the level of involved - and it was a disappointment to her when

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LAURA DAVIES was not the only English winner in Japan yesterday (Patricia Davies writes). Lee Westwood, from Worksop, enjoyed his first victory outside Europe in the Visa Taihelyo Masters, at the Taiheiyo ciub almost in the shadow of Mount Fuji. Not that Fuji was often

visible to the players - the tournament was reduced to 54 holes because of fog and Westwood's winnings were cut back to a mere 20 million yen (about £109,000). Westwood, who finished sixth in the Volvo rankings on

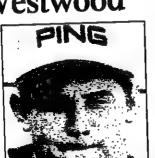
the PGA European Tour, is

Scandinavian Masters by

proving something of a specialist in three-man play-Having won the Volvo



beating Paul Broadhurst and Claydon over extra holes. Westwood, playing conservative golf, yesterday saw off Costantino Rocca and Jeff Sluman, the former US PGA champion.



Westwood: away win



to fighting a losing battle. Every target that she has set her daughter has been attained — and then some.
"She's talking about a boat now," Rita smiled. Given that the sky seems to be the limit. there is always an aeroplane. ☐ Catriona Matthew, of Scotround in the Australian Open championship in Melbourne to win her first tournament for three years. Matthew recorded a linal round of 69, four under par, over the Yarra Yarra course to secure victory

by three strokes and earn £22,500. Matthew, 27, the former British amateur champion. from North Berwick, compiled a total of 283 with Graeme, her husband, cad-

Karrie Webb, of Australia, the US LPGA Tour rookie of the year, scored 70 in the final round to finish second on 286. one stroke ahead of Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden.

Matthew, a qualified accountant who finished only 79th on the US LPGA moneylist held her nerve in strong winds to claim birdies at the 7th, 9th, 14th and 15th, "I'm used to playing in these conditions and the weather was to my advantage," she said.



### Cool Els takes title in play-off

By Our Sports Staff

ERNIE ELS, the world No 3, captured the Johnnie Walker Super Tour title yesterday after lan Woosnam fell victim to the heat and missed a sevenfoot putt at the first play-off

Els. from South Africa, and Woosnam, from Wales, fought a low-scoring duel, but both came unstuck in the closing stretch at the Thana City course in Bangkok to take the country-hopping tournament into an extra hole.

Woosnam, the former Masters champion, bogeyed the final hole yet he still registered a course record of 63 for a four-round total of 274, 14 under par, while Els collected a double-bogey seven at the

blind, but everybody did well par-five 16th with the champ-Normally, a 65 in the final ionship seemingly in his round when you are holding a

With Liezl Wehrneyer, his girlfriend, being called in to act as his caddy after the local bag-carrier had fallen ill. Els drove into a bunker and then found the water's edge with his second shot to lose two strokes and fall level with Woosnam. He registered pars on the final two holes for a 65 and then two-putted for victory at the first play-off hole. Els. 27, said: "It is a really brilliant feeling to have won.

"It has been a long week flying about Asia, but also a

fun week. The scores today

two-shot lead would be enough, but Woosie is a class player."
Woosnam, who finished as runner-up on the European Tour, said that hot weather

finally took its toll at the play-"It has been hard work this week and I was really tired

after nine holes today, but playing well kept me going," he said. "Being competitive and trying to catch up with Ernie spurred me on."

Colin Montgomerie had a final-round 69 to finish six shots adrift and in third place

were just great. It is tough to get to a golf course and play it final table, in the eight-player field.

BASKETBALL: NEW PLAYERS GIVE NURSE HEADACHE BEFORE CUP QUARTER-FINAL

### SNOOKER: PLUCKY IRISH BOW TO UNDEFEATED FAVOURITES IN WORLD CUP FINAL Hendry applies finishing touch for Scots

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGROK

SCOTLAND, without playing anywhere near their collective best, captured the World Cup by beating Ireland 10-7 here last night. Their reward was a first prize of £105,000 and the "King of Kings" trophy.

Throughout the Eighties, Scotland were the perennial whipping boys of the event, but the emergence of Stephen Hendry, Alan McManus and John Higgins coincided with the tournament going into abeyance. When details of its resurrection on a much grander scale were announced, the Scots were immedlately viewed as the team to beat.

They emerged through the round-robin group undefeated and scored a 10-b

victory over Northern Ireland in the quarter-finals before defeating Thailand 10-5 on Saturday with a dominant performance, highlighted by a 139 total clearance from Higgins, the highest

break of the competition. When Scotland established a 4-0 lead in the final and McManus led Ken Doherty 59-4 in the fifth frame, a one-sided final looked certain to develop, but the Ireland captain fashioned a 59 clearance and, two frames later, he recovered from a 69-0 deficit against Hendry with an even more unlikely clearance.

At the conclusion of the first session. Scotland led only 5-1, but, by winning the first three frames of the evening, they earned some breathing space at 8-4.

Ireland refused to accept their fate, however, and Fergal O'Brien compiled a 66 break to beat McManus. Stephen Murphy edged Higgins on the blue and Doherty, assisted by a run of 68, whitewashed Hendry 102-0 to pull back to

Higgins then beat O'Brien before. fittingly, considering his inspirational role in the fostering of Scotland's strength in depth, it was Hendry who applied the finishing touches when, ignoring growing nervousness, he overcame Murphy.

In many respects, I felt more pressure out there than I do at the Crucible" Hendry, the winner of the world championship at the game's most famous venue on six occasions since 1990, said.

Birmingham bow to Newcastle surprise

By NICHOLAS HARLING NICK NURSE, the Budweiser League's most diligent coach, takes some beating when it comes to scouting the opposition, but there was nothing that he or his Birmingham Bullets could do when Newcastle Eagles unleashed their three new signings in the Aston Villa Leisure

Centre on Saturday.
It was not as if Newcastle caught Birmingham unprepared. "We knew exactly what they would do; the trouble was, we couldn't stop them. Nurse said after his team's 83-77 defeat. They started three new guys and I'd never seen the two who shot the lights out and won the

Of Carl Miller, the former England international, who has just returned from an abortive spell in Portugal with Estoril, Nurse knew plenty, but of Rob Phelps and Ralph Blalock, Nurse knew nothing, apart from the fact that they were guards with high-scoring potential. Phelps, a product of Providence University, whose work permit was secured only on Thurslay, crowned his debut with 33 points. including all five three pointers that he attempted: Among Blaiock's 23 points; were two shots from long range. The newcomers' contribution to the third quarter, when they outscored Birmingham 20-10 to open a 67-55 lead, was

Tom Hancock, the Newcastle coach.

his squad to repeat their outstanding display when the clubs meet again in the Classic Cola National Cup quarter-final on Tyneside on Priday. In normal circumstances, we'd like to sit around and congratulate ourselves for a while, but we don't have a lot of time for that, as the team which loses is the team which has to make adjustments for the next time," he said. "We'll have to be ready for them."

In the other league game on Saturday. Sheffield Sharks assumed the outright leadership with a 101-78 victory over Hemel and Watford Royals, who are nowwithout a win in 12 games this season:

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THE demise of Mike Tyson was presaged by an event that had a Western movie flavour to it. Just two days before the World Boxing Association title bout, a quiet "stranger" came into town. He was a big man and bespectacled. His name was James "Buster" Douglas, who was the first man to beat Tyson, in Tokyo in 1990.

Douglas surprised everyone by predicting confidently that Holyfield would defeat Tyson. Douglas said that, if a boxer could face Tyson and stick to nis game-plan after the first bell, Tyson was as vulnerable as the next man. Douglas knows all about Holyfield's heart and his punch, having been knocked out by him in three rounds just eight months after he had taken the undisputed title from Tyson.

Curiously, Tyson was nearly finished off in the tenth, the same round in which Douglas sent Tyson to the floor for the last time in Tokyo. This time, the bell came to Tyson's aid and Holyfield had to wait until the eleventh to complete

After spending a miserable minute on his stool, with his feverishly trying to



Holyfield: dominant

revive him, Tyson came out on unsteady feet. For once, his gioves were up to cushion the punches that he expected lolyfield to unleash.

Holylield cut his way through with three jabs that sent Tyson recling backwards against the ropes. If Tyson had gone down, he might have had a chance to recover, but he did not know where he was and, as Holyfield leapt forward, quickly landing 12 blows without reply, Mitch Halpern, the referce, jumped between the

The myth of the invincibility of Tyson was broken. Most of the crowd of 15,000, that had heen encouraging Holyfield by shouting "Holy! Holy!", jumped to their feet to savour the last moments of the terror of the ring.

it was like watching an unusual event, like the eclipse

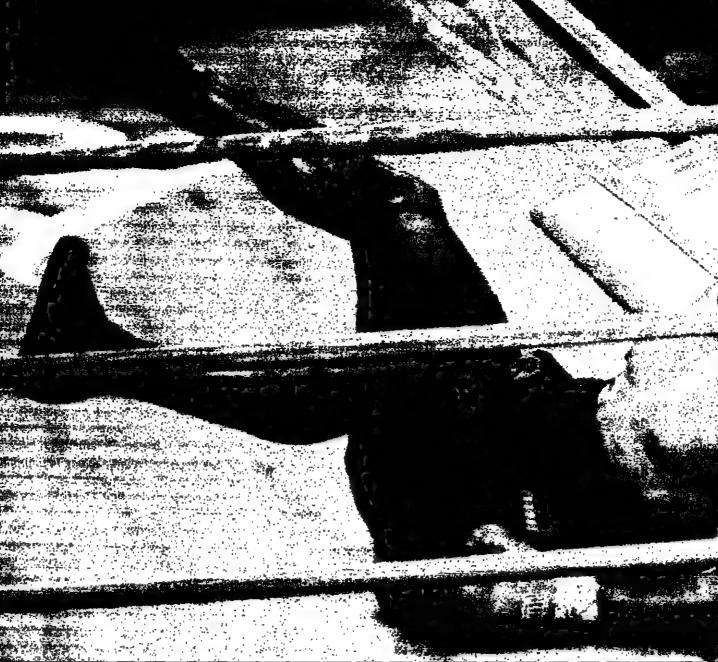
of the sun; which, in a way, it was. Although it was an ups from the bookmakers' point of view, it was not a huge point. Holyfield was always capable of beating Tyson. It was simply that the experts had assessed his chances wrongly. If Holyfield were to meet him in a rematch, he would almost certainly beat him more convincingly. On the scorecards at the end, Holyfield was ahead 100-93 (meaning that, according to that judge, he had not lost a round), 96-92, 96-92. The ending reminded me of Sean Connery's line in The Untouchables: "You don't bring a knife to a gun fight." Everyone had thought that it would be Holyfield who would be illequipped, but it was Tyson who was left holding a pen-knife. Holyfield had the bombs and knew how to drop

How different it all was from the preliminaries that went before the first bell. Tyson, 30, came down the aisle with a retinue of more than 50. He climbed through the ropes and roamed the ring in his usual black trunks. black boots, and a short black poncho-like garment designed to make him appear like a samurai warrior, but which appeared to have been chewed by his pet tiger. All the while, he stared at Holyfield, who stood, dressed in purple, with his head bowed as if in prayer.

At the first bell, Tyson came out quickly and a glancing w sent Holyfield stagger ing sideways. It seemed to signal a violent and quick finish. Tyson started piling in overhand rights, left hooks and uppercuis, but Holyfield, instead of falling back, simply tepped forward and traded Every time that Tyson ap-

peared to get the upper hand, Holyfield either stifled the blows by leaning on him or ducked under the punches and came up with two-handed combinations. Surprisingly, even at such an early stage as the third round. Tyson seemed taken aback by Holyfield's aggression. Also, for the first time. Tyson did not have the crowd behind him. They were backing the quiet man and they raised a cheer every time he struck home.

It was punch for punch going into the fifth round. Tyson may have won a counte of these rounds, but they were not scored unanimously in his favour on the judges' cards. Unable to dominate his opponent, Tyson came into the sixth round looking weebegone, gluves up and hesitant. Every time that Tyson loaded up, Holyfield either jabbed and pushed him back or erabbed him. Suddenly, the challenger unleashed a left hook that sent Tyson reeling backwards and, remarkably,



Fall of a champion: Tyson, to the astonishment of the 15,000 crowd watching in Las Vegas, is sent crashing to the canvas in the sixth round by a left hook from Holyfield

downwards. You could almost hear the silence of the crowd before it suddenly spilled into a cheer. Tyson was a sorry sight at the end of that round and kept complaining about his eye. which had suffered damage in a clash of heads.

Holyfield, 34, dominated the next four rounds but Tyson caught him with a cracking left hook in the tenth that made him hold on for a second. So quickly did he shake off the effects of that blow, and come back to hurt Tyson, that the champion's heart must have been broken at that point.

Apart from Tyson being floored in the sixth and sent staggering in the tenth and eleventh, there were other experiences that were new to Tyson and the crowd: the sight of Tyson complaining about a cut eye, Tyson hanging on to

#### PREVIOUS GREAT UPSETS

Peb 25, 1994 Clay 22, had predicted that he would upset the odds and did just that when he forced Liston to rate on his stool after six runneds in Memil It was the fest of his 26 world title bouts.

Feb 15, 1978, Leon Spinis outpointed All, 12 years his proof, in Las Vegas James "Buster" Douglası v Mike Tyson yo end inficting his life delea

Holyfield's arm to prevent himself from falling back-wards after a clash of heads. Tyson standing still like an exhausted bull in a bull-ring watching Holyfield come for him, Tyson allowing Holylield to jab and box and take charge. Tyson holding Holy-field's left hand under his arm.

No wonder, then, that after the bout Tyson said: "I don't remember anything about the Oliver McCatl v Lennox Lewis Sep 25, 1994 Lewis wasked into a loth hand and lost his title after 31 seconds of the second round at Wombley knockdown. I really don't

know what happened. He head-butted me, but I probably did the same too. I believe the head butt caused the gash on my eye. He hit me with a pretty good punch when I went down. He fought a good fight. I'm OK, but my eyes

Emmanuel Steward, who used to be Holyfield's trainer and is now with Lennox

Lewis, was at ringside. Tyson's not used to being in a real fight," he said, "He's had only live real lights in his whole career. Otherwise, he fought guys who wouldn't light hack and he wasn't prepared for one who would. If there is a rematch. Holyfield will win bigger.

The first three rounds saw the chemistry of the fight. Tyson kept trying to land a left hook and never did. I would have had him work more to the body. He hardly used his jab. The whole thing was throwing one big punch. He didn't have the ability to adjust and make a U-turn.

"Holyfield will go down as one of the all-time greats. His accomplishments are formidable for a stuffed-up cruiserweight. He rises to the occasion. He's good on bigtime lights." ·

### Akinwande retains title in fine style

HENRY AKINWANDE, of money to fight Scott Welch."
Great Britain, the World Welch, from Shoreham, the Boxing Organisation (WBO) heavyweight champion, retained his title with a one-sided win over Alex Zolkin, of Russia, on the undercard of the Tyson-Holyfield bill (Srikumar Sen writes).

The bout was stopped in the ninth round, when Zolkin was prevented from continuing because of a cut eye. Before that, Akinwande, using his right hand to telling effect against Zolkin's southpaw stance. had won most of the rounds and, in the fourth, had put

Zolkin on the canvas. As Zolkin is a good four inches shorter than Akinwande, who stands off 7in, he was able to land hardly a solid blow on the champion. who either neatly stepped back out of reach or ducked under Zolkin's ponderous

Akinwande now wants to move to the No 3 position in the World Boxing Council (WBC) ratings and challenge the winner of the bout between Lennox Lewis and Oliver McCall, "We would love to fight Lewis." Jean Courreges. Akinwande's manager, said, "but Don King is offering us a lot of

WBO No I, is the most likely opponent, as the Lewis team demanding that Akinwande is not forced on their man if Lewis beats McCall. Lewis is insisting on one voluntary defence before meeting Akinwande.

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According to Panos Eliades, Lewis's main negotiator, there is a good chance that their demand will be met by King. King and Jose Sulaiman.

the president of the WBC. have been ordered to appear

in a court in New Jersey to explain why they did not obey a court order and give Lewis his world title contest with McCall by December 26. If Lewis wins the case, it will cost King and the WBC around \$10 million (about £6.5 million). Eliades believes that, since King wants him to call off the court action, he will give them what they want,

Also on the undercard in Las Vegas, Welch had an unimpressive points win over a grossly overweight Daniele Netto, of Argentina.

### Benn's retirement saves mind-blowing results

Andrew Longmore says the Englishman

THE immutable laws of boxing were drummed into the hrain of Nigel Benn with every one of the primitive blows delivered by his opponent in Manchester on Saturday night. Steve Collins may still he the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champion, but Benn emerged from the hysteria of the Nynex Arena with the most prized pussession of all.

At the und of the sixth round, sitting on the "No Fear" logo on the back of his black satur shorts. Benn finally weighed up the odds, contemplated another 15 minutes of needless pain and saw the sense in what many of his friends had been telling him for some weeks.

The final decision to retire was made by Benn himself. but it had been clear since the middle of the fourth, when the tide had begun to turn slowly but inexerably in favour of the champion, that Benn's corner were increasingly discondorted by the punishment that their man was starting to ship.

Denny Mancini, Benn's veteran trainer, hopped from side to side with the anxiety of a child watching a horror film, exhorting Benn to jab and move. At one point, as two more clubbing punches from Collins sent a shock through Benn's ginger-tipped dread-locks, he waved his arms across each other as if wanting to throw in the towel there and then. Peter DeFreitas, Benn's manager, had warned his charge at the end of round five that he only had one more round to carry out the more

uble plan derived for him. Instead, with the instinct that has made him a multimillionaire and lifted him into the top rank of bosing champions from Great Britain, Benn decided to trade blows with the stronger Irishman one last time. A flurry of activity in the corner heralded the third, and, for Benn's sake, it is to be hoped, the last, retirement.

What followed was not, in the cold light of a Manchester morning, the prettiest moment in the history of boxing. A chorus of boos drowned out Benn's explanation - and apology - to the crowd, most of whom had been cheering him to the echo only seconds before, "What a load of rub-

bish" they sang. Perhaps only Eric Cantona, who had been awarded a thunderous introduction before the bout, could truly understand such fickleness.

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had earned the right to decide his own fate If anyone has earned the right to decide his own fate, it

is Benn, no matter how stale the post-fight cabaret has become. Anyone thinking otherwise had only to cast his mind back to Gerald McClelian, whose courage has cost him much of his movement and all of his sight. Benn does not deserve a similar epitaph. That was Benn's sixteenth world title fight. "I have been giving my all

guts and tears, but I don't

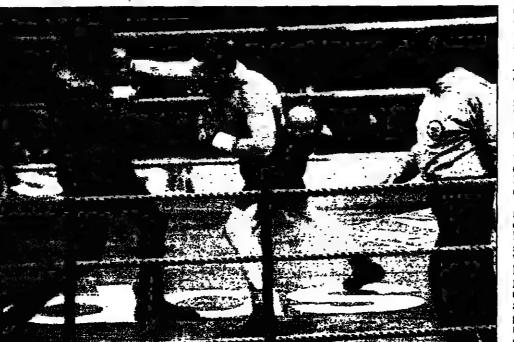
for ten years now, but the body can only take so much," Benn said. The crowd want blood,

want to see Nigel Benn like that. They would rather see me injured than quit; but, if the snap is gone, why carry

It was just a shame that, having retired after his last two defeats, by Thulane Malinga and Collins, Benn was swayed into throwing the dice once more. In his heyday, some of the punches that landed on Collins's stubbled chin in the first three rounds would have felled even the durable Irishman. Collins blinked and rocked, but stayed on his feet. Benn knew then

tion. "Nigel came to fight and he hurt me more than he did last time," Collins said. Nothing should detract

from the champion, who bore out his pre-fight assurance with a performance of bulldozing power. Jab. Benn's corner said, only dimly aware that their man might as well have been standing in front of a steamroller. At the age of 32, his toughness chiselled out of a Dublin backstreet and shaped by hours of education in American gyms, the hardest boxing school of all, Collins has reached his peak late in boxing life, but he is all the stronger for knowing where he has been and how he got where he is. He is a champion,



Collins launches another ferocious attack with a clubbing right to the head of Benn. Photograph: Julian Herbert

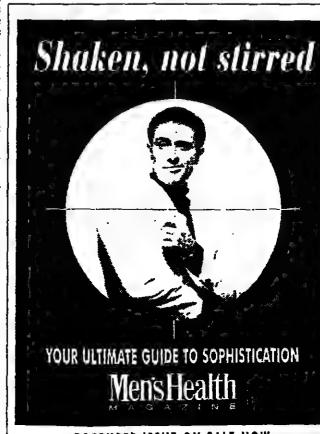
a few pints of earthiness to a division drunk on hype. The problem for Frank Warren. the promoter, is how many

tickets he will sell. At a bizarre post-fight press conference, Collins was a silent, peripheral, figure in the final act of a charade played out by the retiring Benn and the returning Chris Eubank. who hovered in the background like Banquo's ghost.

Whatever Warren might say about Eubank needing to heat more credible opponents before returning to world-title level, it is possible that Collins and Eubank will meet for a third time, probably at lightheavyweight. Before then, Collins will meet the Manchesterbased Robin Reid, the newlycrowned World Boxing Council super-middleweight champion, a contest which might not top the bill if Nascem Hamed takes on Tom Johnson, his first truly worldclass opponent.

Hamed was undeniably impressive in his destruction of the previously-unbeaten Remigio Molina in little more than five minutes, but, as Benn pointed out, he needs to test his wicked punching power on the best Americans before "running his mouth

Johnson would test him more than the brave but outclassed Argentinian. Hamed modestly said that he stole the show, but Ronald Wright, the American world light-middleweight champion. produced the most complete demonstration of the noble art, casually outpointing a game Ensley Bingham. "I tried to put him under pressure, but I couldn't," Bingham said. "He wasn't there."



DECEMBER ISSUE ON SALE NOW

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By KEVIN McCarra

AFTER a week spent as victims of supposed injustice, Scotland forced Sweden to sample some unmerited punishment yesterday. This vic-tory at Ibrox, which takes Craig Brown's team to the top of World Cup qualifying group four, was preposterous, since the visitors, more skilled and more aggressive, commanded the afternoon. Scotland's powers of resistance were vast, typified by the mantrap snap of Hendry's tackles and Leighton's courageous saves, but Sweden still manufactured, and wasted, many

opportunities.
Some had seen this as an occasion for vengeance after a committee headed by a Swede, Lennari Johansson, decided on Thursday that Scotland's abortive match with Estonia should be replayed and that Gary McAllister's suspension would be applied to this tie. In the event, Scotland had too little of the ball ever to be

pugnacious.
"We will accept a win after we had been the poorer team." not often we get the breaks. We have now lost only five goals in our last 17 competitive matches, which confirms it was not all luck today."

Resilient defending was complemented by a form of adept judgement that has underpinned Scotland's successes in recent seasons. Lacking players of outstanding quality, Brown has developed the knack of matching man to moment. McGinlay, 32, was discarded by his country a year ago, but the forward's confidence has been enhanced by regular goals for Bolton Wanderers in the agreeable surroundings of the Nationwide League first division. Restored to the starting lineup here, he opened the scoring in the eighth minute. Tosh McKinlay's sweeping diagonal ball was impishly dummied by Jackson, leaving his partner in attack to run clear.

McGinlay proved unflappa-ble, taking his time before emerged, however, Scotland

guiding a shot past Ravelli. There were to be few such moments of sleek control for Scotland. By degrees, the ex-tent of the difficulties confront-Brown's team was

revealed. At first, it seemed that the home side were only being laconic as they protected their advantage. Gradually. though, Scottish consternation

Sweden were using a single forward. Dahlin, who suffered a calf strain and soon had to be replaced by Kennet Andersson, but the support was plentiful. In midfield. where the zest of Zetterberg was so telling, Scotland were

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outplayed and overpowered. With McAllister absent and McCall injured, all balance was lost in that area.

Burley and Billy McKinlay, the understudies, contributed as best they could, but there was no sequence of deliberate passes to tame the pace of the game and no steady authority either. When Sootland did attempt to press forward, they only exposed the gaps through which Swedes would romp on the counter-attack.

The visitors often advanced on their left flank, exploiting the immaturity of positioning inevitably shown by a promising young full back, Jackie McNamara, who was starting

were in persistent difficulties and Kennet Andersson missed a simple chance in the 37th minute, heading Bjorklund's cross wide.

It was the first of a halfdozen occasions on which Sweden might have equalised. Blomqvist was through on Leighton after 64 minutes, having received Kennet Andersson's alert pass, but drove against the goalkeeper. A few moments later, Leighton was saving again, from Thern's drive, and, in the last ten minutes, the Scottish penalty area was a place of bedlam Frantic challenges by de-

fenders and another block from Leighton explained Kennet Andersson's failure to take one of series of opportunties then. Tommy Svensson, the Sweden manag-er. lauded his team and Brown grumbled about the display his own men had produced, but the result, if perverse, was still immensely

satisfying for Scotland. Indeed, for Leighton, there was personal gratification in what was his 75th appearance. The Hibernian goalkeeper. 38, was singled out for special praise by both Svensson and Brown afterwards, yet had contemplated retirement after acting as understudy to Andy Goram during the European championship last summer. I didn't really want to

chuck it." he said, "and I don't think I've enjoyed my previous 74 games as much as that. We have not played as poorly for a long time, but I don't think we have battled any harder. We have now got into a smashing position in the group."

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Leighton makes one of his many saves, this time from Blomqvist, the left winger, as Scotland keep Sweden at bay at Ibroz yesterday

### Leighton proves Scotland's saving grace

tice may not have been done at Ibrox, but the flag of moral justice has seldom flown more strongly. Denied the presence of Gary McAllister by a questionable by Fifa, the world governing body, ruling, and ordered to replay their ananonim World Cup qualifying tie

against Estonia by a committee chaired by Lennart Johansson, the Swedish president of Uefa, the European governing body, who holds a potential vested interest, Scotland won a precarious rearguard action against Sweden that verged on collapse for the

Craig Brown reflected afterwards on the profusion of errors that his moderate team had made. Yet, besides John McGinlay, of Bolton, who scored the only goal after nine minutes, there were two particular heroes. Jim Leighton and Darren Jackson, both with Hibernian, will remember this occasion: the day that World Cup, were famously

David Miller sees a goalkeeper in the twilight of his career

produce a sparkling World Cup display against Sweden

Jackson is no great player. His ungainly feet point out-wards, Chaplinesque, at tento-two, he is all knees and elbows. Yet, I have never seen any player put more heart into an international match. Like a cowboy without a horse, he ran himself to a standstill in trying to contain the stampeding opposition. More than that, he played a decisive part the goal without even touching the ball.

Feinting to take Boyd's low pass, Jackson let the ball run.

and McGinlay, taking his time under pressure, com-mendably did the rest. Though Jackson seldom thereafter threatened to score a second, he received a standing ovation when he was substituted by Gallacher 12 minutes from time,

For Leighton, this 75th international was an emotional

Hartson - apart from Southall, Wales' most effective

player - midway through the

second haif. He was allegedly

involved in an unsavoury off-

the-ball incident with Cocu.

Nor was it the fact that Wales

were also missing Coleman,

Hughes, Horne and Rush for

Simply, Wales do not pos-sess and will not in the

foreseeable future, a clutch of

players capable of challenging

Europe's best sides - and they

included Holland on Satur-

day. Gould knows as much,

though loyalty to his adopted

country precludes him from

publicly admitting so, and his

fears were only confirmed

when he took in the enlighten-

have the right mentalilty but,

technically, they might be a bit

behind the rest of Europe,"

Bergkamp said. Guus Hiddink. the Holland coach,

was less tactful. "For five or six

minutes. Wales were a threat,"

defeated their Dutch counter-

parts I-0 on Friday was at least

encouraging — if, later on in

life, it can be translated onto

the bigger stage. For the

moment, though, Wales have

to beat Turkey in Cardiff next month to still stand a chance

of reaching the World Cup

finals, via the tunners-up

place in group seven and a

It will take much more than

Vinnie Jones singing the Nat-

ional Anthem with raucous

pride as he did before his first

match as captain, plus a

radical rethink and

reorganisation using the limited resources at Gould's dis-

posal. Then, and only then,

may the flags of Caernarion,

Caldicot and Colwyn Bay

flutter freely once more.

HOLLAND (3-4-1-2): E van der Ser (Apa).

— J Stam (PSV Endhoven). F de Boer (Apa).

A Marson (PSV Endhoven). — Miller (Apa).

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WALES (3-4-1-2): N Southall (Everlant). — A Melvine (Sandisland). K Symnons filanchoster Chy).

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That Wales Under-21s

British players always

ing under-14 game.

a variety of reasons.

with rejection: by his country, or, in the FA Cup final replay of 1990, by Manchester Uniafternoon, with the defenders in front of him slithering and spinning with uncertainty all but Hendry, that is Leighton made four saves in

speciators, young and old, leaping from their seats, arms aloft in celebration. The bemused Swedes, so much smarter than Scotland in vision, control and angled passing could hardly believe their misfortune. Here was this goalkeeper, short in stature and long in years, whose clearances at times barely reached the centre circle, pulling off save after save. When

the last half-hour that had

he dived at the feet of Kennet Andersson, the lofty Bologna forward who was clear through in the 81st minute, the Swede climbed back to his feet shaking his head

When Leighton cut out a free kick across the goalfrom the cheers one would suppose that Scotland had

won the World Cap. This was far from being one of Craig Brown's tactical triumphs. Too much Scotland chased the ball, too keen, in the pressure of the moment, to attack; so that when their moves broke down they were often swiftly exposed to the

They urgently needed somebody such as Billy McKinlay from Blackburn, to play a midfield sweeper's role in front of the central defenders to help pick up Swedish runs from midfield off the ball.

Although Ferguson was withdrawn by Everton, he has ternationally. He might, how-

who was seldom able to creat an understanding with McGinlay, save for that one precious early occasion.

Hendry's contribution was characteristically assured. He was one of the few who managed to find time on the ball. Too many of the Scots passed inaccurately, needlessy surrendering possession though Burley made a ster-ling contribution in the centre of midfield

Against adversity, Scotland will be delighted to lead their qualifying group. They should have no problem when the time comes to replay in Estonia next spring. It was certainly unwise of Johansson not to absent himself from the room when the Fifa decision was made but his integrity is such that I do not consider he realised the significance or that he would have been biased. Besides, a policy decision not to disqualify from the competition an emerging Bal-tic nation had been taken several days before the meet-

### Dutch masters teach Wales harsh lesson

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN EINDHOVEN

IN A tiny, terraced corner of the magnificent Philips Stadium in Eindhoven on Saturday, the flags proclaiming allegiance to Caemarion, Caldicat and Colwyn Bay hung limply throughout. After the game, the Wales players walked away from the ground in single file — heads bowed. avoiding eye contact, like

chastened schoolchildren. Wales had experienced their heaviest defeat in either the World Cup or European championship. It was their worst loss since they were beaten 7-0 by Northern Ireland in an international in

Belfast in 1930, It was awful. Had it not been for 13 decent saves from Neville Southall. the Wales goalkeeper. Holland's tally would have reached double figures. A hattrick from Bergkamp and a goal each from Jonk, Cocu and the de Boer twins. Ronald and tary response from Saunders. was pathetically inadequate. "I've never been so embar-

c) just on for a drive?

rassed," a Welsh journalist unered in disbelief, "I nearly cried when I saw Jason Bowen's name on the team-sheet." His comments, full of Celtic despair, came at half-time in the group seven World Cup qualifying the when Wales were only 4-1 down. He had already accepted the cringeing

futility of it all. inadvertently, he had also highlighted the yawning chasm between Dutch and Welsh football. Of the 17 players listed on the Holland team-sheet, the clubs represented included Ajax, AC Miinn. Real Madrid and Internazionale. In contrast. the Wales players had been

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plucked from, among others. Manchester City, Birming-ham City, Charlton Athletic and Bristol Rovers - hardly the Nationwide League's

Jason Bowen, who is not even a regular in the Birmingham side, had been called up only as late cover for Ryan Giggs, and yet he sud-denly found himself in the starting line-up. Despite his endeavours, was it really so surprising that he, and most of his colleagues, was overshadowed by the cut-glass finesse of Jonk, Winter and Seedorf?

Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, subsequently discovered that Giggs had played for Manchester United re-serves the same day as his erstwhile team-mates were floundering, his calf strain having clearly eased. So much for cooperation between club and country.

"We are at rock bottom. " Gould said. "We have had a long discussion, openly and candidly, and the players are at the lowest ebb in their careers. So am I. As a group. we have a long, long way to go. It has been a day of education in the Welsh dress-Amid the inevitable Gould

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earlier, he had watched PSV Eindhoven under-14s play NAC Breda. "Some of the kids were only about 4ft bin tail. but the things they were doing with the ball were wonderful to see," he said. "It was out of this world. The Dutch should

be so proud." Gould, without conceding it, had erred. He chose a semiadventurous formation, with a three-man defence and two wing backs, in an effort to fight fire with fire. It was a bold attempt to counter overwhelmingly superior opposi-tion and it failed, pitifully. Yet, it was not because of the inclusion of Jason Bowen or



Gould: at his lowest ebb

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### Irish frustration shows as Iceland shut up shop

FROM PETER BALL IN DODGEN

IRELAND'S impressive start to their World Cup qualifying campaign hit its first immovable obstacle here yesterday. Iceland came unashamedly for a draw and duly got one, Ireland enduring a frustrating afternoon as they failed to find way through a determined

"We came to get one point and we did that," Logi Olasson, the Iceland coach. said afterwards, "After our defeats by Romania and Lithuania we had to get together and show something and we did that today." Ireland had no answer. "It

was the most frustrating 90 minutes since I took over." Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, said. "We didn't play well, we didn't pass the play well, we didn't pass the ball with any confidence, but you've got to give them full for stopping us

With Siggi Jonsson, once an Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday midfield player, marshalling his defence splendidly. Ireland discovered what it was like for other teams to play against Jack Charlton's old Ireland. The blue shirts may not have hit the ball long

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into the corners to chase, but they were a big. physically strong side which competed fiercely, harrying, hustling and niggling with enthusiasm and Ireland could find no way Their midfield runs were

stopped, legally or illegally, and their amempts to get round the back were unsuccessful. "They tracked our runners

back in every department; there was never an occasion when a player ran free and I don't think we ever got behind them," McCarthy said. "They forced us to cross balls from 30 to 35 yards out, and their big lad gobbled it up."

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the experiment with Keane as the free man at the back remains unproven. Keane was Ireland's outstanding player, controlling things with composure, but with one or other of the Iceland forwards always going to him when he was in possession he rarely ventured iorward in the way McCarthy had hoped. With McAteer's frustration getting the better of him, so that he was lucky to stay on the field after a couple of wild hacks at his marker, and Townsend and McLoughlin never finding space. Ireland rarely enjoyed

good possession. Their best moments came from Townsend's dead-ball kicks, but even then the tall Adolfsson won most of them and when Cascarino, or one of the defenders coming up from the back, did get a head to them, the ball never bounced kindly for Ireland, so that Kristinsson was an underemployed goalkeeper.

Early in the game he had to react quickly as Kelly did manage to get behind the defence and Adolfsson deflected his low cross goalwards, and before the interval he had to save a Keane header and a volley from McLoughlin. That was the sum total of his serious saves, although he was relieved when Cascarino, for once, put in a clean header from Townsend's corner but

There was even less threat to the goalkeeper in a second half which enjoyed its only moment of real distinction when Olafur Thordarson came on as substitute to earn his 72nd cap, a new Iceland

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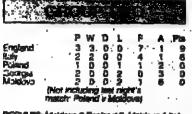
Georgia England

> FROM ROB HUGHES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN TRILISI

GLENN HODDLE is now truly in charge of England's destiny. He has laced a measure of pragmatism, of control on and off the football field, into his transition after the summer wiles of Terry Venables with such strength of character that few can doubt him. For all who said that he is too young, too green, too Christian to manage his country at this time, his record is already his answer.

A baptism of three World Cup games, two of them away from home in bleak and destitute remnants of the old Soviet empire, has brought. three victories. The third of those, here on Saturday, equalled the only other time an Englishman has managed the national team to three successive World Cup qualifying wins - the achievement of Bobby Robson in overcoming Finland, Tur-

key and Northern Ireland 12 years ago. However, in his first month, Hoddle has towed us through challenges involving questions of ethics as much as of sport. Typical of him was that, on the eve of the



Minch 28 1907; Rely v Mincowa April & Foliad v March 28 1907; Registred v Georgia: Rely v Poland May 31; Poland v England June 7; Georgia: Nati Molana June 14; Poland v Georgia: Sant 10; Frigland v Moldova, Georgia v Isaly; Meldova v Georgia: Oct 7; Moldova v Poland Oct 11; Rely v England Georgia v Poland

promote the cause of Christian Aid by appearing with well-scrubbed former street children, the first of the cared-for orphans after Georgia's civil war.

Then his England side produced a performance, built around the efficiency of David Batty, that did unto others what they have been doing to England for many a year. England: once they had scored through Teddy Sheringham and Les Ferdinand, so controlled the tempo, the ball and the emotions that they put out the light of hope in the 48,000 Georgians who somehow had found the El5 entrance fee - almost three times the average

weekly salary. The Georgians, as Hoddle well knew, are the Latins of the southern former Soviet bloc. Lightweight, dark-haired and inclined to include their fleet-footed skills, Hoddle hadwarned in the dressing-room that England must suppress them. In that regard. Batty - last seen as the heliraiser of Wembley 18 months ago, when he tried spirefully to dismem-ber Junimbo, of Brazil - was the epitomy of self-controlled non-aggression. He won the ball time and again with calm interceptions, little nicks to squeeze the ball and the essence away from the likes of Giorgi Kinkladze, whose heart went as early

Before the goals, and long after them, it was the axis of Batty and Ince that broke the Georgian rhythm and ambition. They were like a couple of firemen, sent to douse the small fires of hope wherever they arose. "I had been sterner with my words," Hoddle said afterwards. "I told them that I didn't like things I saw against Poland, I didn't want to see them here. gave them no option: stick to the tactical plan or go out of the squad."

Can you believe this dressing down from the man who is playing godfather to Paul Gascoigne? From the manager — the word coach is totally inadequate for Hoddle's ap-proach — who has seen the rehabilitation in Tony Adams and restored him to the captaincy?

Can you credit Hoddle, supposedly a learner in international manage-ment, with using studious psychology to his chosen players? He watched Sol Campbell four times for Tottenham Hotspur, concluded that, in each game, the big, young man's defending was superb, and gave him an England debut on the rutted pitch of the Boris Paichaidze Stadium

I didn't tell him he was in until we had the team meeting." Hoddle said.
That was right for him, he didn't need to be worrying before then. With others, you tell them early. I knew within two days of Alan Shearer getting injured that Teddy [Sheringham] and Ferdy [Ferdinand] would be the right combination here." In that case, he purposefully misled us all with his daily praise of Ian Wright and occasional praise for

The goals were emphatic answers to any who queried the selection, even though both of them were aided and abetted by feeble Georgian defending. First, Gascoigne pushed the ball forward for Ferdinand to supply Sheringham. Murtaz Shelia mistimed his intended tackle, Sheringham smoothly eluded him and, with a sliot aimed towards the far corner of the net, accepted a deflection off the sweeper and captain. Keksha Tskhadadze, which wrongfooted Irakli Zoidze, the goalkeeper.

Tskinadadze, allegedly soon to join Manchester City, would have to be braver than this to cope in England. In the 37th minute, his eye on the muscled torso of Ferdinand, he virtually stepped out of the Newcastle United forward's path, allowed Ferdinand to take the ball on with the heel of his right boot and then to score with his unaccustomed left foot, a shot that curied slightly but against which Zoidze managed almost to step

So, two goals for the Ferdinand-Sheringham partnership. Gascoigne had, with straightforward passes. been a party to both, yet he had a sometimes vacuous inertness, sometimes gave the ball away and, without his extremes of rage and inspiration, was fortunate to stay the course of 90 minutes. Hoddle, protecting the future as much as the man, insisted that we will, in time, see the old Paul Gascoigne, but meanwhile he, too, had accepted the prime requirements of maturity and of the long passages of keep-ball that dulied the footballing life out of Georgiz on their home ground.

At the core of this victory was the pre-match instruction to Batty and Kinkladze, the last thing you do is



tackle him," Hoddle said. "He can make tackles into fouls. They took that on board, they forced not only him but others to go into areas where we had plenty of bodies. David Batty, I've always said, is a good passer and user of the ball; here, he did exactly the job asked and more and you need this type of player in every team."

The manager, associated with the beauty of the game, had dropped Steve McManaman for Batty. He omitted a player of cavalier instinct for one who would take pleasure out of the art of denial. In any case, this was no pitch to run with the ball and the switch worked.

On the flight home, a spy from Italy, England's next opponents, at Wembley in February, agreed that this was the most tightly structured English display he could recall. Pietro Carmignani, given a lift home

plane, spent much of the six hours sketching the danger zones for the Italian team. He is the assistant to Arrigo Sacchi, whom nobody expects to still be Italy coach in the new year, and, while agreeing that Ince and Batty held the middle ground, he said: "Do not underestimate what Hinchcliffe gives the team. In Eng-

land, you say he is not an exquisite

player; for me, he holds the shape of

the side and this allows Beckham and Gascoigne to go forward." The Italian will report back his fear that, with or without Shearer, England always seems to find players who can score a goal. He does not expect, however, England to play Italy with both Beckham and Gascoigne in the team. Hoddle, who has every intention of maintaining a "hands on" input into Gascoigne's

have another choice to make. Without bombast, he asserted that his man-management and selections have proved right on the night and, with humour. he concluded late on Saturday, when asked if his England was shaping up in his own image: "If they played in my image, we'd never win the ball!"

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Campbell (Fottenham Hotspur), A Adams (Arzenal),

G Southgate (Azion Vitta) — D Beckman
(Manchester United), A Hitrochilite (Evernori — P
Gasooligne (Rangers) — L Ferdinand (Newceste
United; zubz ) Wright, Arzenal, 80). E Sheringham
(Tobenham Hotspur).

### Northern Ireland deserve their moment of glory Möller exchanged passes with

the net from 20 yards.

Strunz to create the space for a

venomous shot that flew into

They were taunted into that

response by Taggart's goal

two minutes earlier, a a fierce

left-foot shot after some hesi-

tant defending from Hughes's

Klinsmann later shook his

head as he said with some incredulity: "We actually found ourselves behind." It

could have been even worse

because Hunter missed with a

header from close range when

unmarked early in the game.

will not again readily because.

if this was Northern Ireland's

hour, the day still belongs to

Germany. "I think we will be

the ones to qualify." Vogts said afterwards. Few would dis-

It does not happen often and

cheeks glowing, the Northern Ireland supporter was sporting a smile that illuminated

the Nuremburg night. He had driven halfway across Europe with little more than a faint hope that he would not be a silent witness to a slaughter. Now he turned his face skywards, to pronounce to nobody in particu-lar — except, perhaps God — You did me proud, you beauty.

It was half an hour after his team, a rag-tag bunch of Nationwide League players. reserves and youngsters, had held Germany to a 1-1 draw on their own turf, in a World Cup qualifying fixture. The enormity of the result was just

beginning to sink in. This was a German side returning for their first home match since lifting the European championship. The trophy was displayed around the stadium before the match, a testimony to their avesome powers. Yet here they were reduced to thumping long halls at the Northern Ireland defence in a desperation home of frustration. The sight of Klinsmann channe wildly hopeful punts spoke valumes about the Irish

performance. They chased, harried and worried until even the most MATCHES TO COME Day 14: Northeas 

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powerful footballing nation on earth was deflected from its unrelenting stride.

Imagine the reaction if England, who are made up of the Premiership's finest, had earned a credible draw in Germany. Then think that Northern Ireland cannot even boast the first division's finest. That is how spectacular this

Later, there was a smile, too. on the face of Bertie Vogts, the Germany coach, although it could best be described as wry, it was his graceful way of accepting that Northern Irefand deserved their moment of

"We tried to play a short passing game, but Northern ireland denied us space for that game," he said.

"Goals were expected, but they did their job well. It increased the pressure on my players and they took the casy

David Maddock on how the European

champions suffered a rare setback

way out by simply throwing in high balls." Perhaps the most remarkable feature of a remarkable

game is that Germany, the very same players who were so disciplined and so organised in lifting the European championship, were made to look so vulnerable.

They were decidedly uncer-tain in defence, lacked wit and width in midfield, and were without penetration up front. Klinsmann had his least effective match in many a year for his country, and he knew it. He sat next to Vogts in the post-match press conference, bowing his head when his manager, with a prickly criticism, took a sideways swipe at

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"My strikers should have scored with more elegance and more cold blood," he said. Glumly, Klinsmann responded: "Their goal seemed as if it was protected by planks of wood nailed across it." It was an exchange to lift the spirits of any Englishman who hap-

pened to witness that night at

Wembley in June.

There were beroes through out the Northern Ireland team, from the tireless Dowie, of West Harn United, running himself into the ground for the cause, the composed Lomas, of Manchester City, whose performance was more effective than any in the star-studded Germany side, through to the towering Taggart, of Barnsley, whose resolve was as significant as his wonderfully-struck

But none was so important as Tommy Wright, the goal-keeper. He made half a dozen saves of quality, but two stand out. One, in the first half, that appeared to defy science as he somehow found the reactions to block a point-blank header from Babbel. One, in the last few minutes, another test of reflex to deny Bierhoff, the

Wright has endured pain in recent years - the loss of his five-year-old son and three injuries to a jinxed knee that have prevented him from playing for two seasons. How heartening then to see him enjoying himself at last. Last Christmas, i de-

spaired of ever playing again," he said. "In your dreams, you picture yourself during those times, playing again in games like this because that's what keeps you going. But the reality was very different, I never really thought it would happen and that's why it now feels so good."

Wright was beaten only once, after 40 minutes, when Germany briefly discovered



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— S Reuter (Borusse Dorbrund) — T
Strutz (Bayen Murach), J Kohler (Borusse
Dorbrund), M Babbel (Bayen Murach),
Turnat (Karlsrüng — T Hassler (Keitzruhr)
D Elts (Marder Brenn), sub S Pensioni,
Borusse Möchengladbach, Strank, A
Möller (Borusse Dorbrund) — J
Klinsmein (Bayen Murach), F Bobte
(Stutger), sub. O Bierhoft Udense, 19 (Sutton); sub. O Blerhoft, Udonase, 70: NORTHERN (RELAND (5-4-1) T Wright (Nothingham Fotesi) — I Nolam (Sheffacid Wednesday), G Taggart Botton Wanderert), C Hill (Livesdar City), B Hunter Residing), K Hortock (Swindon Town) — S Morrow (Areera), S Lottass (Falanciasser City), N Lannon (Liricester City sub. A Rogan Milwall, 85), M Hughes (West Hern Linked) — I Dowle (West Ham Linked, Sub. P Gray, FC Nation 75)

agree with him.

Klinsmann: ineffective Referee: A Cakar (Turkey)

### Tbilisi exposes a world of mixed fortunes

he most striking thing about Georgia is how grey every-thing is. The sky, the buildings, even the clothes people wear, it is all grey and

oppressing.

The life of a footballer is often glamorous and rewarding, but it is on trips like England's to Tbilisi that you see a side of life that is usually shielded from you. From the moment that we landed at the airport, the poverty was no-ticeable. Driving through the city, you can see the kind of existence that many of the people are forced to live. It is not pretty. The buildings are houses are like brick huts.

It is sometimes hard to find out what a place is really like when you are there with England, because you are so cut off from it. We were whisked away from the air-port to a nice hotel. The team took over the ninth and tenth floors, we had our own chef, our own food, a huge video screen, our own videos, a snooker table, computer games, the lot. It was just like being at Bisham Abbey and yet outside you could see a very different world. We learnt that the average wage over there is just £3 a week and a ticket for the match

That brings poverty home. Yet you can see in the people that they are still proud and that they love their football, even if it costs them so much to watch it. When we arrived at the airport, there were hundreds of people to see us. When we went to training, there were hundreds more just sitting watching us and getting great enjoyment from

I was particularly im-pressed by how friendly the people were and how much they liked us - even though we were the opposition. It was strange, too, going halfway around the world to find that the people knew so much about me. They were chanting my name and they had pictures of me, so they must take an interest in English football.

That was not the only surprise, because I was also left out of the side, of course. No player ever wants to be left out, or enjoys the experience. but in this case I knew I had to accept it and get on with it. Glenn Hoddle, the England manager, called me into his room on Friday and told me he was leaving me out and explained why.

He talked about the conditions and such like, but what made sense to me was the fact that he wanted to tighten up the midfield and stop them having space to work in.





sees the downside of travelling with England

Georgia have a lot of highly technical, highly talented players and they showed against Italy that, given space to work in, they can exploit it

In our game against Poland, I believed that we gave them too much space and were too spread out. I thought we needed to close the gaps between defence, mid-field and attack. So I had to accept what the manager was telling me. In those circumstances, you have to deal with the disappointments. The fact is, you have to prepare as if you are playing because you might get on as a substitute in the first minute.

A World Cup qualifying campaign is not like a league campaign. The next match is at home and it could be a very different looking side — 1 might play! In the qualifiers, we will probably use 20-odd players and so it is not just about the 11 on the pitch. Everyone is working together. to put all the squad in with a chance of playing in the finals.

That's why we were all pleased with the performance, because the team played so well out there. Georgia away is one of the tricky games, a match in which it would be easy to slip up, but we approached it in the right way and there were some excellent performances. David Barry was magnificent. He has not started an England game for a while, but he was tigerish and broke every thing up in the midfield. I said to him afterwards that I thought he played brilliantly.

England controlled the game and made it an easy joh in the end. The good thing is it sets us up for the next match. against Italy. They will see we have dealt professionally with a couple of tricky away matchhave taken notice of that.

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### Palace play along to secure rise in status

Crystal Palace Queens Park Rangers .. 0

BY DAVID POWELL

THE decision by Crystal Palace not to seek a postponement because of international callups was rewarded at Selhurst Park yesterday when they moved into second place in the Nationwide League first divi-sion. With their fourth successive league victory, they became the highest scorers in the four divisions.

A recent change in Football League rules offered Palace the chance to request a post-ponement, based on having four players away on international under-21 duty. However, because only two are regulars in his first team, Dave Bassett, the Palace manager, preferred to play on. Bassett wanted to make the lost of his team's form and avoid a backlog of fixtures. Sky's money for live tele-

vision coverage might have

helped, too. Scotland prevail Wales routed .

Hoddle's triumph

Anyway, the two firstteamers in question were back in time to play, albeit though they did not arrive home until only 16 hours before kick-off. Neither showed any illeffects from the journey and

changing time zones and it was a goal from one of them. Bruce Dyer, who had played in the England Under-21 victory over Georgia on Fri-day, that set Palace on their way to a victory ultimately clear-cut, but by no means certain for 70 minutes. They deserved the win, but

not by three goals, and Bassett acknowledged that much of wer passing had been sloppy. Dyer was the fortunate benfrom Kevin Muscat, When Muscat shot from outside the penalty area, it appeared to be owered by Jurgen Sommer. touk a wicked deflection into

Before that, Chris Day, the Palace goalkeeper and the club's other Georgia traveller. had denied QPR the lead with a one-handed save from Steve Slade's shot. A 20-yard drive. by Dougie Freedman was saved by Sommer to deny Palace a two-goal interval

lead. The second half began with Freedman shooting nar-

rowly over, but it was QPR who looked menacing.

Day had to save point-blank from Daniele Dichio, Slade, clean through, shot wide and Alan McDonald's long-range

volley went tractionally wide. Palace, having the best of the good fortune, went two up after 70 minutes when Neil Shipperley's shot was blocked by McDonald. Freedman seized on the ricoches, but was denied by Sommer, only for Shipperley to be presented with a second chance which he took. Palace's run of four wins, that comes with a 13-1 goal reading, began with Shipperley's first appearance after his il million signing from

David Hopkin fired against the QPR crossbar after 72 minutes and, on the stroke of full-time, beat Sommer from 20 yards after Freedman and Shipperley had seen their shots saved by the goalkeeper.

Last season. Palace's home form cost them promotion. They won only nine of their 23 matches, falling four points short of Derby County, who were promoted as runners-up. This season, Palace have won five out of eight at Selburst Park while continuing to show up well away from home.

On this day two months ago, Palace were fourteenth provided that Norwich City do not win at Barnsley somortow, their match at Bolton Wanderers on Saturday will be a clash of the top two. It will be a stiff test of character for the team that Bassett describes as "exceptionally

young". When Sewart Houston took over as manager two months 230, QFR were above Palace in shift place; now, they are twelfth, having played more games than the majority around them, only 11 points taken from 11 matches since Flousten arrives.

withdrawn his transfer regues soon. "I would like to think we can get some players to the club," Houston.



Muscat, left, the Palace defender, tackles Mark Graham during the defeat of Queens Park Rangers yesterday

### Brentford tussle with life on high

tough at the - almost - top. Not a single win in their past four Nationwide second division games; and this time, at Griffin Park, they threw away a two-goal lead against Stockport County in the last 12

David Webb, their usuallyexuberant manager, was not a bit pleased. "Charity, wasn't it, really?" he asked. "Christmas charity came early, so we can start putting a stop to it. Inexperience, more than anything else. I never see any of my players rollick each other or get back and help out. They things." And, as he intimated,

about having "switched off after we got the second goal". Brentford are a curious team, in the image of Robert Taylor, their strong, rangy attacker, previously used at centre forward but now deployed in midfield. There is nothing elegant about him. At times, he can look positively clumsy; at other times, he will startle with a superbly-struck Brian Glanville sees the Griffin Park

side let slip a two-goal advantage

Even he, though, was not exonerated by Webb. "Bob fell in the trap as well, really," Webb said. "After we

got the two goals, he sat on the edge of the box, and we didn't do things as quickly as usual." Brentford, in second spot in the division, could have scored as early as the ninth minute, through Taylor. He stole, unmarked, into place on the left of goal, was well spotted and served by Smith and Forster, cooly lobbed

er, only for Flynn to pop up

and head the ball over. A comple of minutes late Stockport, always functional rather than inspired, were at the other end, where Jeffers and Angell set up Mutch, who swung at the ball and missed it completely. Well, Cantona did just the same thing, play-ing for Manchester United again Fenerbahçe. Taylor continued sporadically to do

fine pass that found the ever-

active Forster, Jones, always

more reliable on the ground than in the air, dived to turn the shot for a corner.

Taylor, yet again, found Forster, who negotiated Jones, only for Dinning to deflect his shot behind. Not until nine minutes into the second half did Brentford score. Forster launched Omigie. Jones did well to block at his feet, but Canham put in the loose ball. Fifteen minutes from time,

Forster hit Brentford's second, powerful drive from 25 yards, but one which scarcely looked irresistible.

7 ebb said: "Nicky gets a goal there out of nothing. There were much easier chances to

Surprisingly easy seemed Stockport's reply, only min-utes later. Angell rising to head in Marsden's right-wing corner at the near post. David Jones, the manager of the Stockport team that put Coca-Cola Cup at Ewood Park and waits to play away to West Ham United, is trying to make Angell's loan from Sunderland permanent.

Stockport seem to have rehabilitated Angell after his wilderness years at Goodison and Roker Park. "When Brett came, the first three months, we knew we had to get him fit," Jones said. "His form and his confidence took an aimighty drop. The boy wants to do it, that's the main thing." As Jones pointed out, Stock-

port were missing Armstrong. their main scorer. His team. Jones said, make a habit of coming from behind. "It's we've instilled into them," he said. "It's not the first time we've done it. I honestly thought when we got to 2-2 we might have won it."

The equaliser was a strike by Cavaco, the Portugese substitute, six minutes from the end. "I just hope we learn

BRENTFORD (4-42), K Deardan — A Hurdie, D McGnes, J Bates, I Andorson (sub: L Harvey, 87min); P Smith, M Bert, R Taylor, S Cambon — N Forster, J Ornege STOCKPORT COURTY 4-42; P Jones — S Connely, M Flyrar, A Dming, L Todd — K Durkan (sub: R Landon, 73), C Marsden, T Bennett, J Jetters — B Angell, A Mutch (sub: L Caveno, 55).

#### Millwall's image on an upward curve with **Nicholl**

Bristol City Millwall

By PAT GIBSON

IT IS time that Millwall changed their tune. No one likes them and they don't care, or so their supporters never tire of telling us, yet there was plenty to like about them at Ashton Gate and at least one good reason why we should all

Miliwall are on top of the Nationwide League second division and they have got there by keeping faith with the passionate belief of Jimmy Nicholl, their manager, in short, sharp passing football, Nicholl's team bears no resemblance to the old image of Millwall.

"I don't believe that you just win games with blood and guts," he said in the match programme. "You go and do your work, you do your hustling, and the harder you work, the quicker you get the ball back. Then you can start playing your game. You don't have to be nasty about it."

His players were as good as his words. They faced a fearsome challenge from a Bristol City side full of confidence after emulating Millwall's run of seven games without defeat. but, inspired by Bowry, their cultured captain, in midfield, they never stopped trying to play their own game.

There were times when the sheer force of City's attacking play threatened to overwhelm them, but Millwall's patience was finally rewarded in the 77th minute when Dair's through ball released Crawford and he finished with

great aplomb. There seemed to be no way back for City after that, but Millwall had reckoned without an influence from beyond the field. Five minutes after Crawford's goal, the referee seemed perfectly happy with Witter's challenge on Seal. which left the substitute sprawling 20 yards from the Millwall goal. One of his linesmen, flagging furiously, not only insisted that it was a foul, but also that Witter

As if that was not punishment enough. Barnard then struck the free kick superbly with his left foot into the top left-hand corner, which left Nicholl complaining that referees should make their own decisions and not be talked into changing their minds. He had a point

should be cautioned.

BRISTOL CITY (4-3-3): S Naylor — L Carey R Edwards, S Taylor (sub: S Paterton 53mm), D Barnato — C Backmorre, C Owers, B Timpon — G Goognodge (sub: S Parndge, 65), P Agostano, S Gootler (sub: I MILLWALL (4-3-3): T Carter - R News

#### Hungover Oldham stuck with just the memories

Oldham Athletic Portsmouth |

By MARK HODKINSON

SUN-BLEACHED stickers bearing the name of Oldham Athletic are fastened to car windows throughout the Lancashire town. They are reminders of a glorious past only just out of touching distance. A Littlewoods Cup

final appearance in 1990. three seasons in the top divi-sion, international players, inflatable spotted dogs already it has a ghostly. unreal hue. Oldham Athletic today are the morning after the party of the night before, a town with

its blinds drawn, especially on Saturdays when cars and their jaunty stickers stay in the driveway. Only the staunch remain and they don overcoats and

gloves to trudge the damp streets to Boundary Park. The "Good Time Charlies", as the locals dub them, have now left the fold, to find glamour and giory elsewhere. Third from bottom in the

Nationwide League first divislon and with just one home victory in ten previous matches, the omens for the visit of Portsmouth were not good and the game was dire. Both teams played complex, tactical formations, but there was not enough basic proficiency to make them work.

They followed the ball, kicking it wantonly, until, finally, the match became a dense broth of boredom. Oldham fell upon a trio of chances after half-time. Barlow headed into Flahaven's arms from close range and Rickers twice shot wide.

David Hillier, making his debut for Portsmouth, decided that Oldham in November is no place to be. After being tackled fiercely by Henry, he trampled on him as he lay on the ground and continued doing so for some time, just to guarantee the sending off and a soothing long bath.

"I cannot defend David's actions." Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager, said, before proceeding to do just that, "but it was a foul on him in the first place

Oldham found playing ten men as difficult as a full complement and continued to Portsmouth suggested that the match ended goalless.

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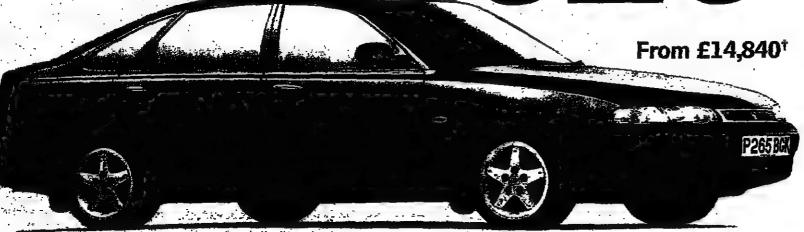
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By Sydney Friskin

SOUTHGATE'S weekend

campaigning ended with two

outstanding successes, a 2-1

victory over Old Loughtonians

in the National League on

Saturday and a passage into the fourth round of the Hock-

ey Association Cup yesterday

after they had beaten Barford

corner early in the second half, but Barford Tigers never gave

up the chase. In the last minute. Pritipal Bhurji re-

duced the arrears from a penalty stroke.

Teddington, the cup winners in 1994, also qualified for

the fourth round with a 6-3 home win over Havant.

It was plain sailing for other premier division clubs with Cannock, East Grinstead, Hounslow and Guildford all

going through comfortably.

Reading took over the leadership in the premier division of the National League on Saturday after a 3-2 victory

over Cannock, Wyatt, Oscroft

and Ashdown scored for Read-

ing with Crutchley and Ed-

wards, from a short corner, replying for Cannock, Southgate's victory over Old Loughtonians enabled them to

share second place with Cannock and Old Lough

tonians. Attala scored twice

for Southgate. Nick Thomp-

son replied for Old Lough-

tonians, but ended the day with another suspension two

Slough pay

for their

slow start

minutes before the end.

over Crostyx.

Crutchley scored five goals for Cannock in the 13-0 victory

### Passion in the suburbs adds weight to 'non-event'

To return to Enfield's football ground after a gap of. I think, 19 years, was to drive a relatively deep fissure through the variegated seams of time. I recalled making a pilgrimage across London to watch mighty Tooting and Mitcham take on Enfield in an "important" match at the top of the 1sthmian League.

I covered Tooling and Mitcham for the Balham and Tooting News. and surely all of Tooting and much of Balham rejoiced in the soaring header of Nicky Glover, Alas, not enough to prevent Enfield's victory. Glover, a man of austere. almost monk-like appearance. later that season left Tooting after socking one of his mates on the pitch. He then joined Enfield perhaps knowing that he had left his best years behind him at Sandy On Saturday, then, brimming

with memories of the colossal importance of the ancient strife of the suburbs. I saw Enfield, in fourth place in the less League premier division, receive a visit from the leaders, Yeovil Town, and dispatch them 3-0.

The Southbury Road ground is also the home of Saracens, one of the leading rugby clubs in the country. If anything spelled out the difference between the importance of the sports in the national life, it

Enfield are not one of the leading football clubs of the country: they are not even one of the leading nonleague clubs playing as they do in the league below the Vauxhall Conference. The facilities, smallscale but certainly comfortable enough, are at least adequate for hoth concerns, however.

This is a footballing nation. Football matters, with heroic abSimon Barnes finds much to commend on a

minor stage as Enfield take on Yeovil Town

surdity, to the finest performers of the Premiership and to the lowliest of players on the park pitches you can see beyond the ground. It wouldn't be worth doing if it didn't matter. And after all, it is no more absurd to care about the fate of the men of Enfield than the men of Manchester.

There, striding onto the pitch, was a figure who had never dwell long on the question of football's absurdity: Graham Roberts, looking not much more senescent than when he was a ball-winning midfield player for Tottenham Hotspur in the early Eighties; but

he looked middle-aged even then. When not engrossed in his appointed task of confrontation,

Roberts would make occasional forays upfield, a pratice he would charmingly refer to as "makin' me surgin' runs". At 37, he surges a little less these days, but as Yeovil's player-manager (and a former Enfield player-manager to boot) he lurks about moodily at the back.

He is considering his options, and is expected to make an anriouncement about his future, at least as a player, in midweek. Perhaps the weekend drubbing will help him to make up his mind. The thought that even he might have had enough football is, in a

Non-league football is a business much misunderstood by those who have nothing to do with it. It is not quaint or charming at all. It is as brutally, absurdly serious as any other form of football.

The patterns of football remain ent at this level, as at every level. This was a game of the managerial master-stroke: George Borg, the Enlicki manager. swopped a midfield player for an attacker after half-time, played briefly with three up front, and his boldness won the day.

The dashing substitute, St Hilaire, managed to collect a mighty shove in the box, and Moran scored from the penalty with a flourish. St Hilaire then found himself adroitly positioned when the goalkeeper's mistimed punch fell to him, and he cracked the volley home emphatically. A of a swaggering passing-move-ment, Moran himself was brought down and had another penalty. He

Enfield are an ambitious nonleague club - this being, of course, a footballing tautology. It is the task of all non-league clubs to be endlessly ambitious and always in the same place in football's scheme of things. That, after all, is the way things are meant to be. There was another non-league team I covered in those far-off Balham and Tooting days: doing pretty well, as I recall, in the Southern League. What was their name? Ah yes. Wimbledon, I wonder what happened to them?

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FOOTBALL: SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER WITH THE UPLIFTING FORCES AT WORK IN THE DARKEST DEPTHS OF SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

### Warming to the winter wonder land

Following East Stirlingshire is good for the heart, as Michael Henderson discovers

Then Steve Coppell was rehearsing his farewell speech at Maine Road last Friday, unable to extend his professional involvement by a single kick. another beleaguered football manager was carrying on. By day. Billy Little teaches English at Graeme High School, Falkirk. In his other, slightly more public, job. he manages East Stirlingshire, who make Manchester City look like

To fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run: Little would give his eye teeth for that. His players are duffers. Their position, at the bottom of the Bell's Scottish League third division, reveals as much, and history offers no prospect of improvement. In 116 years the club has won one trophy, the old second division championship, way back in 1932, and only 398 people watched their last home game. If Coppell felt engulfed by the rising waves then Little is anchored to the

East Stirlingshire have won only two league matches this season and, on the evidence of their performance at Forfar on Saturday, when they lost 3-0 in front of a crowd of 325 and had Ross Kerr sent off for dissent. it is stretching things to expect two more. Forfar, third division champions in 1995 and relegated last season, are one

of the sides they have beaten. to say that Forfar, "the Loons". were much better. "This is the worst Forfar team I've ever seen." a visiting fan pronounced shortly before the third goal went in. There was no irony intended, or sarcasm. These people still love their team, defects and all. To them, all is known, and all is forgiven. Each Saturday is a

that bad, actually,", one fan said. "We just can't score

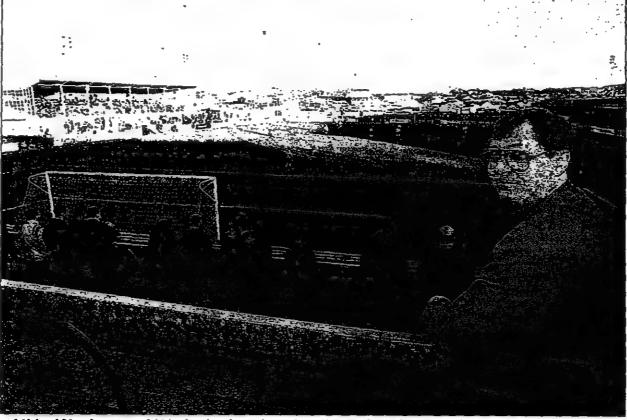
Ostensibly these part-timers belong to the world of professional sport, but it is not a world shared by the footballers who represented Scotland against Sweden at throx Park yesterday. Some may graduate to a higher level. Most just carry on for the love of the game, which is nothing to sneer at in an age of rapacious agents and foul hangers-on. East Stirlingshire's players will have received £35, give or take a few pennies, for their week's work. Had they won

they would have got £30 more. So Station Park, which Forfar call home, made a bracing antidote to the weekend of World Cup football. The leading because it is squeezed between a cattle market and farmland, with a sheep pen at one end and an industrial estate at the other.

t is the sort of place where players and supporters A mingle happily after the match in the little stand that houses the dressing-rooms, munching bridies and checking on how the big clubs have fared. Gary Mitchell, the referee on Saturday, sings with the Angus Black and White

Minstrels in his spare time. The farmland begins no more than 20 yards from the main entrance. In fact, should separates it from the road ever be clipped, an enterprising heiffer could easily wander through the turnsule by the half-time tea cabin. Whether it would wish to stay for long is another matter. There was not much here to enliven a cold early winter afternoon.

Alan Morgan, after being impeded by McDougall, the visitors' goalkeeper, gave For-



Michael Henderson, and 324 other hardy souls, soak up the unmistakable atmosphere of Station Park, Forfar

far the lead with a penalty in the first half, lan McPhee increased the lead 20 minutes from time, and fain Lee added a third. East Stirlingshire may consider themselves hard done by. Their No 11, a trialist, headed against the bar when the game was goalless and then hit the post early in the second half.

Still, none of the 36 lans in the visitors' section were complaining too much. Followers of teams this hopeless offer their love unconditionally. One Shire fan, Brian Stocks, made four bus journeys to get to the game from his Edinburgh home, and the return trip occupied the better part of Saturday night. If, sometimes, he wears a face like a bag of

"It's very much a social thing, supporting this club. explained Ross Strang, who cut a senatorial figure among follows East Stirlingshire home and away, and was on the board until last year. You get the impression that it was a burden he was happy to relinquish.

"If I miss a match." he said, "I become intolerable on a Saturday afternoon, I missed a cup-tie earlier this season against Clydebank because 1 was visiting Brittany for a Celtic music festival, and I spent the whole of the afternoon listening to the radio to find out the score," What was

spanners, nobody should won-der. It? "We won 54 on penalties. local significance, and where Some French television cam-locals can train with the eramen caught me later that players of a Thursday evening. night, standing on a bar in L'Orient, singing Scottish

> ven when the season surrenders to summer there is no satisfying this supporter. The 13 weeks between the beginning of May and when the new season starts are awful but we have junior grade football up here, and that keeps us going into June. I hate summer Saturdays — though I'll watch a Test match if it's on the box."

> This is a province of modest hopes, where the phrase "he formerly plied his trade with Queen's Park carries some

if they care to. Nobody is going to come down too hard on these players, or on Billy Little when he returns to school this morning, because nothing much is expected.

Forfar are now unbeaten in five games, a good run for them, and on Saturday they are at home again, to Montrose. It will be no day for faint heats, for a hard frost set in yesterday, but there are compensations. The view from behind the goal at Station Road, towards the snow-crested hills in the north, is marvellous.

For East Stirlinshire, snow or not, it is always winter.

### Mullery's challenge brings swift

Barnet . Rochdale

BY KRITH PIKE

STRESS? Steve Coppell does not know the half of it. Managing Barnet - now that is stress (supporting them, too). So what was it that tempted Alan Mullery to leave a nice, warm studio for ramshackle Underhill? Most certainly not the money, the glamour or the kudos.

"The challenge," Mullery explained on Saturday after his new charges had beaten Rochdale Approaching 55 and nine years out of manage-ment, he had had "no intentions" of returning. "Management had passed me by. I was quite happy with what was doing lin television and radio), but the way the job was sold to me ... I could not turn it down. The challenge was

there: be successful." The salesman was Tony Kleanthous, the chairman of one of the Nationwide League's newest and most notorious clubs, and pretty pleased he is entitled to be. Mullery's five full games in charge have produced three wins and two draws, and

Barnet being Barnet, though, nothing is so straightforward. Mullery has chosen not to include in his resumé the 1-0 defeat at Colchester United last month when, newly appointed as director of football, he grasped the managerial reins at half-time from Terry Gibson, who thought he was still in charge of team

affairs and promptly quit. Mullery is their fourth manager in four months, after Ray Clemence left to join the England coaching staff in August and Terry Bullivant, his temporary successor, resigned because he was not given the job full-time. Barnet being Barnet, of course, Bullivant rejoined as Mullery's assistant on Friday. Flashman and Fry may have gone, but the club's legendary

quirkiness lives on. . Their victory over Rochdale was typically fraught. Ahead through Sean Devine's exquisite lob and, having already missed three routine chances, Barnet found themselves behind with an hour gone as Alan Pardew, the captain, first turned Farrell's cross into his own net via a post and then blundered to allow Deary to score Rochdale's second.

Mullery's substitutions worked a treat. Devine set up Hardyman for a thumping equaliser and Wilson hit an emphatic winner from the penalty spot after Stuart's trip on Tomlinson with 12 minutes

BANKET (4-4-2): M Taylor — S Gale, A Par-dent Lub: D McDonaid, 67min), L Primas, P Hardyman — M Tominson, P Wisson, P Strusson (sub: R Cocher, 59), L Campbell — G Brasil Late: L Hodges, 58), S Darkins, POCHDAE (4-4-2): Gray — A Fensome late: J Deary, 31), K Hel, A Johnson, A Fancel — A Pussest, M Leorard, A Gouck, M Shart — R Paires, S Whitehak, Raines A O'Unes.

#### Tigers 3-2. Barford Tigers got away to a fine start with Dharminder Singh converting a short cor-ner in the twelfth minute, but goals by Woods and Gibbins sent Southgate into the interval leading 2-l. James Duthle increased Southgate's lead from a short

results

BY ALIX RAMSAY their position at the top of the premier division of the women's national league, but, after suffering their first defeat of the season on Saturday, 3-2 away to Ipswich, they are

doing so by only their fingertips.

They have never liked to play matches early in the day and, forced out of bed for a 12.30pm start, they looked half asleep for the first 35 minutes as ipswich were allowed to run riot. Ipswich opened the scoring after two minutes, when Kirsten Spencer had a second bite at a penalty cor-ner, Sarah Bamfield made it 2-0 20 minutes later and, just

> verted another corner. Ipswich tried to protect their their lead in the second half, but defence has never been their strongest suit and the momentum slowly began to

before half-time. Spencer con-

Slough got their break-through after 41 minutes. Karen Brown scoring from a penalty stroke, and, after Julia Robertson scored their second with five minutes to go.

search of the equaliser. Ipswich may wish to make a special award to Annette Strange for devotion above and beyond the call of duty. With yet more trouble brewing around the Ipswich goal. she launched herself at the ball and was felled by a ferocious shot. The danger was averted, but Strange may not be cycling to work for a few days yet. The win puts Ipswich level on points with Slough, who keep pole position by virtue of their better goal difference,

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### Cardiff made to pay for playing on

BY INCTENNANT

IT IS not merely the leading clubs who go in for grandiloquent nomenclature. Even Cardiff City, who are hoping to appoint a new manager this week, can give a decent professional such as Kenny Hibbitt the title of director of football and allow him to run his own show. Never again, he says, will be allow his team to play a competitive match at a time when internationals are tak-

ing place. Hibbitt should have requested that this fixture be posiponed, for four of his players had been a part of Wales' Under 21 squad last week. Also, there was a competing attraction in Holland yesterday, "It is asking a lot of supporters to make the choice between watching Wales or coming to what might prove to he one of our biggest matches of the season." he said.

indeed. In fact, the gate, 6.144, was by some way Car-diff's biggest of the scason. Hibbitt would have liked to have played the leaders at a less congested time of year. only he knew that was fanciful thinking. Such a time does not exist. He would have requested a nostponement had his club not already taken part in fewer matches than all their fellow contenders for promotion in the Nationwide League third division.

Hibbitt, who once played with his opposite number. Mickey Adams (Fulham's mere player-manager) at Coventry City, will continue in his present role alongside a new manager, if and when one is appointed. Ian Atkins, of nied speculation that he will be taking over at a club which, on Saturday, looked more likely to finish in the middle of the table than be

Contrast that with the confidence sceping through Fulham's expressive team, from Herrera, the long-haired full back, who, like one or two others, is playing at a level beneath his capabilities, to Conroy, who has now scored 15 goals this season, more than anybody else. He is no daydreament in the very first minute, he steeped and headed in Scott's iong cross, instantaneously taking up the correct position.

Fulham were a further goal ahead before half-time, this also created by Scott. Weaving his way towards goal, he was shoved in the back by Perry. and Blake, the central defend-

penalty kick. It was a decision over which Cardiff could hardly quibble, although needless to say they did.

After that, there seemed to be scant likelihood of the result changing. If was quite unnecessary for Watson and Cusack to spend so long taking free kicks that the referee could only assume that they were wasting time. He booked the pair of them. In the penultimate minute, White did pull back a goal for Cardiff, who were at last looking a competent team. but, like their dallying over the fixture list, it was all too late. CARDER CITY (3-5-2) ↑ Bod2 — ) E⇒hund JPens LBaddelsy — HPening C Moddeton, J Fowler ↑ Fishabai, J Santher such M Bernet, 45mat — S Write, C Dule

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#### form at the right time Wolding Northwich Victoria.

borough United owner/manager, spoilt a birthday meal that Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager, was enjoying in a restaurant last Thursday night by saying that he had rejected the club's

Fry's valuation of the forward, scorer of six goals in the five-match winning streak that has shot Woking from twelfth to third in the Vauxhall Conference, is £35,000, and he now returns to London Road. "I'm still interested, but it's now up to the management committee,"

Grazioli.

#### Chapple said. Happily for Woking, their goals on Satur-day came from another source, as Scott Steele found By WALTER GAMMIE his clusive form. He swivelled neatly to put away a ball played in by Foster to make it i-0 in the 33rd minute, and went down under Crookes's

Steele rediscovers his

Northwich had Walters their midfield player, sent off, but rallied to pull a goal back through a penalty by Bishop, only for Steele to pounce as 220,000 offer for Guiliano Greygoose dropped a shot by Jones in the 84th minute.

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verted by Walker, after half-

Straight from your screen

### President campaigning for a ministry of fun

t is fashionable to bring down the people in authority through malicious gossipabout their past and there is a myth circulating that, way back in 1961, the new president of MCC ascribed his cricketing philosophy to "wine, women and song". An ugly lie, of course, Colin Inglehy. ugly lie, of course. Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie actually made the re-

Revision of his image goes no farther than dates. He is 63 now, semi-retired and with a look of comfortable, well-groomed afflu-ence, but Ingleby-Mackenzie is the same man that he always was, defiantly disinclined to regret the remarks and reputation that have adhered to him for almost 40 years.

"Why should I resent it? That line reflects my character pretty faithfully," he said. "I have always been frivolous about the game because I have wanted people to enjoy it. It probably made me an unlikely candidate for this post. Personally, I am positively amazed to find myself president.

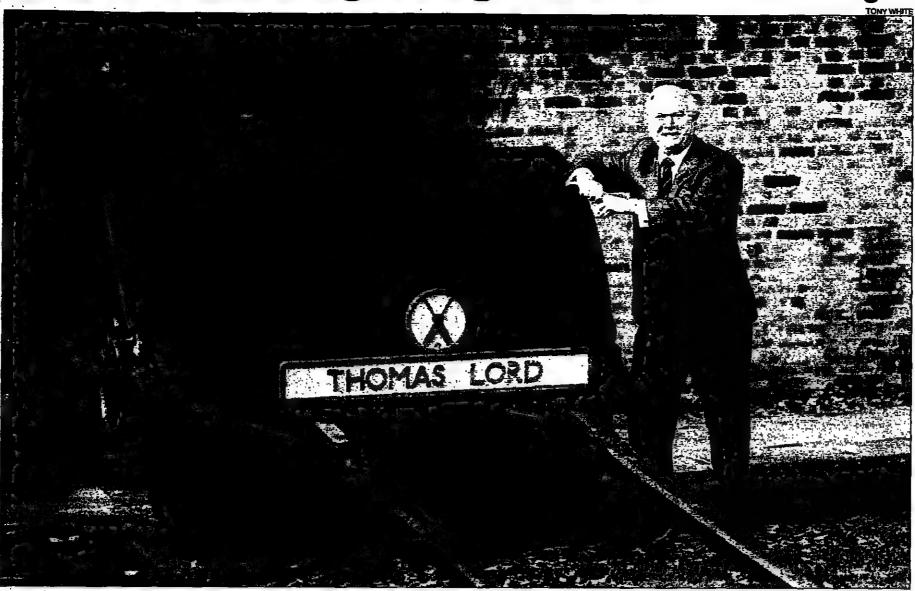
He has been in office for six weeks and has faced some early trials of character, indications of the conflicts that lie ahead. Vast changes are imminent at Lord's, architecturally and philosophically. The redevelopment of the ground may coincide with another vote on accepting women mem-bers. As one would expect from his previous sayings, it is the sort of

challenge from which ingleby-

Mackenzie will not shrink. His infamous quote was uttered as he attempted to lead Hampshire to the county championship in his first season as captain. They eventually came second, Surrey taking the title for the seventh successive season, but, by the time that Hampshire went one better, in 1961, the style and outlook of their

leader was known to all. "Few captains," opined Wisden in 1959, "have made so promising a start . . . the spirit of enterprise and the insistence on all-our attack were Ingleby-Mackenzie's personal contribution. On occasion, he threatened to overstep the bounds into recklessness ... " Again, a testa-ment to his career, indeed to his life, with which he has no quarrel.

"I spoke about wine, women and some in an interview at a time when there was an element of nervousness in the camp, which was unusual. We had the unassailable



High roller. Ingleby-Mackenzie has rarely missed a gamble throughout his life, but there is an increasing air of certainty about his presidency of the MCC

target in our sights and it was hard for me to keep the fun momentum. So, when I was then asked what rules I laid down to the players, I said that I always made sure they were in bed by breakfast-time."

He was never an exceptional player. His left-handed batting owed more to a sharp eye, strength and self-belief than to classical technique. "Most of his runs were made with a cross bat." Wisden sniffed. He was an amateur by ethos and agreement. "I played purely for fun and I believe there are those, with talent, who would do so today," he said.

For his role models, he points to Denis Compton, Keith Miller and Roy McLean. "They are my greatest cricketing friends and I speak to each of them every week, but I also admire the way they played," he said. "People went to watch them. and it didn't matter what the teams were, or the venue or occasion." A man who shared ingleby-

Mackenzie's gregarious nature shaped his business career. "Bryan

Valentine, who played for Kent and

spinner, who claimed three for 29. McIntyre ensured that

England A's last seven wickets

fell for 29 runs in 17.4 overs

and left them almost certain to

lose a first-class match for the

first time since being beaten

Mark Butcher fell for only

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Harrity's in-swinging yorker, and Michael Vaughan and

by Natal in January 1994.

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specialists in education insurance.

England, was my mentor in the insurance business," he said. "He was all fun and gin and tonics and I learnt a great deal from him." Working initially under Valentine, Ingleby-Mackenzie advanced to chair the Holmwoods company.

For the past 20 years, he has served on various MCC committees, but it never entered his head that he might graduate to the presidency. "I am a risk man," he said. I find the gamble exciting. whether in business or on

racetrack, and some people may think Oliver Popplewell took the biggest risk of his life when he put me up to succeed him."

The new man has some distinct advantages. One is geographical, as his back garden borders Lord's. His main asset, however, is his effervescent personality, which will provide the best conceivable public relations for a club of perpetual influence and distinction as it confronts inevitable problems in its efforts to modernise.

On October 16 he faced the

members for the first time at a meeting designed as a forum for their grievances and fears. "I was very twitchy," he said. "I thought it could rurn into the shortest presidency ever. Standing up to speak was as bad as going in to bat at Lord's for Eton at the age of 15 -

the same dryness of the throat." He sailed through, of course. leaving his audience charmed. The controversial new media centre was debated — as it will be again before a special general meeting

'I have always been frivolous about the game because I wanted people to enjoy it'

subject of women, "But only," the president said. "in the same breath as the old chestnut about smoking in the Long Room.

Not that Ingleby-Mackenzie underplays the impact of the women's issue. Indeed, independent of the Sports Council expressing its view that National Lottery funds were inappropriate for a sexist club, he revived the subject himself by suggesting, in his first newsletter to members: "It is time this matter was introduced and we must not be frightened by the opposite sex." He has now set up a five-man working party, which will report to the committee this month. "If they recommend it, we shall put it to a members' vote," he said.

the president pointed out that a two-thirds majority would be needed to admit applications from women and that they would still face a wait of up to 15 years. "There will be no queue-hopping, although personally I think it would be a good idea if few selective honorary memberships were offered," he said. "First, though, I want the whole issue aired. It is five years since there was last a vote and I hate things

festering under the carpet."

Ingleby-Mackenzie believes that he is well protected, as a trawl through the MCC committee register will confirm, "Whether it is cricket, property, finance, legal matters or marketing. I have good men on hand." he said, "and I have the secretary." Poper Visibly, page the secretary, Roger Knight, next door, so there is no excuse for a lack of communication."

"One of the greatest honours is to have an Australian tour during my time, but there are many challenges to face. It is a short innings, though I am well used to those, and I will certainly not be changing my approach. If I suddenly became very responsible, people would be

CRICKET

### Gatting's pleas unheeded

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

ENGLAND A discovered the wisdom of Mike Getting's warnings shout the competitiveness of Australian cricket after finishing the third day of their tour match with South Australia on the brink of

Gatting, the England A chech, has spent long hours with his 14-strong party pre-paring them, but that wellmeaning advice failed to prevent his charges from capitulating yesterday.

Dean Headley, the Kent fast howler, had strengthened his claims for a full England place with an outstanding spell in which he used variety, pace and bounce to claim the final four South Australia wickets

ENGLAND A: FIRE TOWNS

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and finish with six for 60. It earned England A an i8-run first-innings lead. Four hours later, however,

Headley was needed to bowl again after England A were dismissed for 151, leaving South Australia, the Sheffield Shield holders, needing just 170 for victory, a target that they had reduced by six without loss at the close. Peter McIntyre, the leg spin-

ner, who returned from Australia's tour of India a day before the match, was the architect of England A's spectacular demise with a spell of four wickers for five runs in 21

Bowling in tandem with Bradley Young, the left-erm

#### Britain drifting in unsponsored waters ility to build a top yacht? Not THE BUSINESS sored by a Dutch company has been attempting to drum

lia has one and supermodel Elle MacPherson will be sailing on it. The United States has one, Canada has one. Even the Ukraine has one, and it is up to its ears in debt. Yet, as you read this, it is likely that, when the Whitbread Round the World Race, the British-originated and British-sponsored grand prix of ocean vachting, starts in Southampton on September 21 next year, it will lack a serious British competitor for

Anthony McGrath, the Yorkthe second race running. shire bassmen, fell How has this come about? Do we lack top yacht people? successive overs to Joe Scuderi after a plucky 42-run parmer-No. In Lawrie Smith, who has ship for the second wicket. heen contracted to cantain one It was an ill-advised drive to of the Swedish EF Education boats, and Gordon Maguire. mid-off by Adam Hollioake, the captain, who had hit who is looking for finance but Young for three fours in the now has signed for Smith's same over, which sparked the crew, we have two world-class sailors ready to skipper British Owais Shah, who had entries. Do we lack the capab-

at all, the specifications are ready for an entry. The probiem is the perennial British bugbear of finance. No British company seems prepared to out its hand in its pocket to finance a challenge. Amazingly, there are 14 British entries sailing in the

BT Global Challenge, the semi-professional round-theworld race, but this is a different kettle of fish. For a start, most of the crews have paid for their berth, either out their own pocket, or through company sponsorship. The sums are much smaller, the cost for sponsors is around \$500,000 a hoat. Yet. in yachting terms, the BT Global Challenge is the Vauxhall Conference compared with the Premiership,

which is the Whitbread. To mount a proper entry for the Whitbread, a sponsor needs to put up at least £5



million. This appears to pander to the historic image of yachting sponsorship, once described as like "tearing up £50 notes in a shower", but when compared with the £20 million or so that you need to he the lead sponsor for even a middling Formula One racing team, it is chicken feed.

For that £5 million, the yachi is named after your company, as was Smith's 1993-94 entry, Intrum Justicia (ironic that the nearest thing to a British entry had been spon-

run by Scandinavians). The yacht will have a big event surrounding it at each of

the nine staging posts, which are in large cities on five continents. There was a television audience of 2.6 billion in 177 countries for the last race. This one should be even larger, with BBC's Grandstand devoting a whole afternoon to the launch, plus a halfhour weekly programme.

A host of sponsors have been approached. Rothmans. which backed a previous British entry, is up to its ears in the Williams Formula One team. Boots, which has a worldwide pharmaceutical launch. looked keen, before the plans were rejected at board level because the company had previously had bad experi-

ences in sports sponsorship. James Dunning, the managing director of International Sponsorship Management.

up finance for a boat skip pered by Maguire. This entry is at least at the eleventh hour. as it would take five months to build the yacht and a similar amount of time to train the

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There is a ray of hope. Silk Cut cigarettes may be prepared to put up the money for an all-British entry led by Smith, whose crew is thought to be contracted to him rather than to EF Education. The challenge would be timed to coincide with the impending float on the Stock Market of Gallahers, Silk Cut's owners. which is being sold by its parent. American Brand. Even the sticking point that Smith is a famous smoker of Benson and Hedges should not be too much of an issue -

that brand is owned by

Gallahers as well.

JASON NISSE

played uncomfortably against the all-spin attack, edged Mc-ROWING: PINSENT'S LATE DASH FOR VICTORY AT FOURS HEAD IS THWARTED BY CAMBRIDGE CREW Intyre to Jamie Siddons at slip five overs later, and South

### lympians steer Leander on course for title

ROWING CORRESPONDENT

ON A day when the tide conditions seemed to benefit later starters. Leander retained their Fours Head title with their quadruple scull, which started at 295. The crew, which comprised James Cracknell and Rob Thatcher, the Olympic double pairing, and Ben Hunt-Davis and Richard Hamilton, from the Olympic eight. started directly ahead of a German four that won the lightweight silver medal at the world championships.

The Germans gained ground in the

early stages, but better steering and

more power gave the Britons victory by 11 seconds.

"A bit panicky, and not the healthiest way to now the Fours Head," Pinsent said after his crew were beaten into second place in the coxed section, by six seconds, by Cambridge's leading crew.

winners at the Games in Barcelona in 1992, teamed up with Jim Walker and Graham Smith, their fellow internationals, to lead off the 500-crew flotilla in the quadruple sculls and finished sixth, all bar one of the crews that beat them coming from low starting places. The exception was Tideway Scullers, in fourth place, with Peter

Haining, the Olympic sculler and triple world champion, at bow, who finished just behind a composite crew with three Danish sculling champions on board.

Oxford replied to Cambridge's coxed four win with the best coxless performance. Oxford's winning crew

was stroked by Tim Foster, the Olympic bronze medal-winner. Thames RC dominated the women's

classes. Their winning quadruple scull, which won with ease, included Guin Batten, the Olympic finalist, and Jane Hall, the world gold and silver medal-winner.

Their winning coxless four, which was pushed close by Marlow. included Ali Gill and Ann Marie Stapleton, from the Olympic eight. and Alison Brownless, who has amassed a gold and five silver medals at the world championships.

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England A's brittle batting order. Ealham and Warren Hegg was given out after apparently playing and missing a ball that bounced out of the gloves

Australia needed no further invitation to run through

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Giles gave Australia's deputy leg spinner four wickets in as many overs. Young completed the rout when Craig White edged to Siddons, giving him his fourth catch of the innings, and Headley was caught in the

deep by Jason Gillespie.

McIntyre bowled Mark

of Tim Nielsen, the wicket-

keeper, and was caught by

Siddons. The dismissal in

identical fashion of Ashley

British Olympic medal-winners in the line-up were edged out of the silverware. Matthew Pinsent, stroking the leading Leander coxed four. started almost at the back after a dash by tube and car, rather than the scheduled motorbike, from the Lord Mayor's Show.

The Searle brothers, gold medal-

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TENNIS STOCKHOLM: Men's tournament: Custure-finalis: T Engylet (Sine) bit P Fredrigson (Swe) 8-2, 9-0; T Johnstonson (Swe) 8-3, 9-0; T Johnstonson (Swe) to G Rusedsid (GB) 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, Semi-finalis: T Marrin (US) bit M Norman (Swe) 6-3, 3-0 not Engylet to Johansson 6-3, 3-6, 8-3. Final: Engylet to Martin 7-5, 6-4, 7-6. BOWLS DENNY CUP: Tilbury 75 Colchester 48: Barking 83 Towerlands 60; Devid Lloyd 42 Falson 148 Ipowich 75 Esser County 67, Issa 85 Herits 87 Wintelhrights 87 Stade 79, Desborough 82 West Berkstere 57 Sudbury CYCLING CYCLO-CROSS: Ace RT (Heather, Leosactershre, 12 miles) 1. 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Woman's singles: (1) S Smith (Essau) v qualifier; J Davison (Sussea) v E Jaiss (Docordshies); V Laise (Devon) v J Ward (Durhern and Cleveland); qualifier v (5) C Taylor (Choroteline); (3) C Wood (Sussea) v S.A. Siddal (Dorsel), qualifier v K Roubsnova (Berkshire), qualifier v K Roubsnova (Berkshire), qualifier v K Roubsnova (Berkshire), qualifier v K Roubsnova (Berkshire) v Qualifier. M Walnevolyti (Essay) v (7) J Wood (Middlesex), (6) J Pullin (Sussea) v qualifier. M Walnevolyti (Essay) v (2) Chouchur (Varnovic); H Crook (Essay) v (4) M Mille (Voischire); (6) E Bond (Gloucestershire) v S Tee (Isle of Man); K Crose (Devon) v H Matthews (Berkshire), L Ahi (Devon) v quelifier; L Woodroffe (Suney) v (2) R Violet (Lenceshire). LACROSSE SUPEN EAGUE: Bacingstoke 0 Cardill 4; Bracknell 2 Shellield 4 Newcasille 6 Ayr 5 Bernstampur (sp.) 6-2 6-4. 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Section D: M Willers (Oncher) bt 9-18 finals: 31-7-16 bt 17 rophy League: Radnor 98 Severn Valley 52; Torden 77 Cardiff 72; Pambroke 66 Seratea 110 SCUTTH COUNTIES TOURNAMENT: A division: Sussex 6 Meditiesex 3: Sussex 2 Survey 4; Mediasex 5 Survey 2 (Sussex won the fournament on goal average). B obtains: Middlesex 9 Sussex 3: Sussex 3 Sussex 3 Survey 2 (Middlesex 9 Survey 1 (Middlesex won the sournament) MYRTILE SEACH, SOUTH Carcarast Senior's loss champonship: Leaders silest free rounds (US unless stated): 207; J Sigol 69, 69, 69, 210; F Charles (NZ 68, 71, 71, 212; K Zarloy 72, 71, 93, 213; J Dest 72, 71, 70, J Bland 70, 71, 72, M H4 69, 70, 74; Y Fernandez 68, 70, 75, 214; I Addi (Japan) 71, 74, 59, J Jacobs 72, 71, 71; R Hoyd 72, 70, 72; J Colbert 70, 70, 74; F Corner 71, 67, 76. 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Wolungham 3 Old Whitighiam 5 Hampsterin/Burrey. Articover 3 Epsom 4, Basmgstoke 4 Barnes 1; Orad 2 Dulakot 1: Clid Crarleigham 7 Old Watsourikans 0 Southerrigton 0 Purley 4: Goan 0 Cheam 2: Blandford 2 Camberley 1. Potensited 1 Portsmouth 0; London Umerstry 4 Cushod 4 Kern/Suseob Bestyheath 0 Brighton 2. Bognor 1 Horsham 8: Eastbourne 2 Herne Bry 2; Lloyds Berk 3 Books Yeach 3 Mid Susseo 0 Middellor 2. Old Holoombeson 7 Ora (Borobysen 1: Old Williamsonams 4 Maurelin Russets 1, Sevendaka 3 Bekenders 1. Turse H4 4 Ashtord 2 Working 3 Bleigheath 3. Midde/Einter/Blade and Orane Arrampan 1 Cry of Ordord 4: Farnham Common 3 Hayes 1; Headington 2 Brackwall 1, Lons 6 Markow 1; Newbury 3 Harrow 0, OMT 3 Mill Hu 1, PriC Chaywok 5 Milliam Keynes 3. Richargs Park 3 West Hurmoskead 1, Stanes 1 Eastcore 4; Surbury 5 Geroard Cross 1. 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MARIGATE: Segrate of Segrated Segr FIRST DIVISION: Edgbasion 2 Hull 4: Firebrands 2 Doncaster & Gloucester Cny 4 Crostny 3: Harleston Magpies 4 Cny of Portsmouth 4, Warmsgon 2 Brooklands 5, Trojans 1 Bromley 1; Stourport 1 Bournville 1, St. Alberts 3 Bueharts 1, Steffeld 1 Indian Gymshara 2, Codord University 0 Isoa 0; Oxford Hawles 2 Levies 1 Total (50 overs) ........ Crouplers: South, of England Inter-national: Man (Blow): 1, N Ceddy (South West) 23:27; 2, C Staphersson (Weist) 23:28; 3, S Power (Int) 23:32; 4, D Donnelly (N live) 23:37; 5, C Westo (Engl. 23:25; 6, D Taylor (Engl. 23:55; 7, J view den Ende (Bet) 23:58; 5, M Simpson (South) 24:31. Teams: 1. Emisurd 24:abs; 2, Ireland 38; 3, South of DT2 DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE. 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BOMUN3: Morteon 7-0-44-1; Douil 8-1-30-0; Calms 8.2-0-33-2; Astia 9-1-25-2; Patel 10-0-41-0; Harris 4-0-22-0. Man of the metalt: Seed Arrest. Umpires: S K Bansal (India) and I T Robinson (Zimbabwe). TOUR MATCHES: Perth (find day of three): Western Australia 293-6 dec and 170 (C. L. Hooper 4-59); West Indians 441-5 dec (S Chanderpaul 135 not cut, R G Sermasis 96, Hooper 84, R I C Holder 58), and 25-1. West Indians won by new wickets, Cochin, India (first day of three) South Africare 243 (R Ananth 4-72) y Kernetices. SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane (final de SHAFFIELD SHIELD: Brisberre (final day of four): Oueenstand 244 and 101-1; Tesmena: 168 and 178 (A. J. Daly 4-44, S. Muffer 4-35). Queenstend won by nine wickets. Sydney (third day of four): New South Wales 264 and 333-8 dac (M. G. Bevan 150 not out, M. J. Stater 89, B. A. Williams 4-63), Victoria 161 (W. G. Ayres 55, A. M. Stuert 5-63) and 100-6 (M. Y. G. Elliott 63 not out). New York Mann Ortando Washington Philadelphia Boston New Jersey Chicago Detroit Mintauluse Claveland Cheriotta Alianta Toronto Indiana 800 .800 .750 600 600 500 250 Western Conference P W L F APIE 3 3 0255 208 6 3 2 1265 246 4 1 1 0105 101 2 2 1 1164 166 2 3 0 3265 309 0 2 0 2125 169 0 Micwest division W L Pd 6 0 1,000 2 2 500 2 3 400 1 4 200 1 4 200 0 5 200 *Housto*rr Ulah LA Lakens 500 500 500 400 200 Seattle
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RACING: CHAMPION TWO-MILE CHASER ECLIPSED BY OUTSIDER

### Klairon Davis returns to find sting in the tail

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT AF LEOPARDSTOWN

KLAIRON DAVIS, the champion two-mile chaser, made an inauspicious seasonal debut when beaten in a three-horse race at Leopardstown yesterday at odds of 3-1 on. The suback completed an unhappy eight days for Ireland's leading two-milers; Sound Man was descated in a threerunner contest at Navan last weekend when sent off the 4-1

on favourite. Klairon Davis was giving 211b to his two rivals in the Commology Handicap Chase but, despite not being fully funed up, it was a surprise to see him fail by half a length against the 14-1 outsider. Fiftysevenchannels.

Francis Woods moved Klairon Davis up to challenge on the turn in as Brockley Court faded, but just as the played out Charlie Swan coaxed another run from Fiftysevenchannels, who held the favourite despite Woods's frantic efforts. "Somebody had to come and take him on." Enda Bolger, the winning

. Arthur Moore was not over-

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despondent with Klairon Davis's reverse and will send him to Sandown on December 7 for the Tingle Creek Chase. 'He was too fresh and well but has had a good blow. I am pleased with the way he

1.20 Saity Behaviour .

sible runner in the Tingle Creek, a race he won last year. Edward O'Grady, his trainer, reported that the gelding has emerged in good shape from his failure at Navan, where he was easily beaten by the Murphy's Gold Cup entry,

On a busy weekend in Ireland, Danoli failed to impress in his second chase when winning over two miles at Naas on Saturday. Tom Foley's charismatic charge ran out the 212-length winner from Crossfarnogue, but those backers who took the 7-2 on about the favourite had some

uncomfortable moments. Danoli was settled early by Tommy Treacy and had only two of his nine rivals behind with a circuit to go. Despite a mistake five fences out. Danoli tracked the leaders into the straight but almost immediately was being bustled along by Treacy and started to hang

ed characteristic courage to win leaving Foley not unhappy with the victory. "He is still learning and it

doesn't matter if he doesn't win by 20 lengths. A short head will do me any time." Foley said. "I am delighted that he is still able to come

Peter O'Sullevan, whose distinctive tones have called home the winners for nearly fifty years, has decided to retire after the Glorious Goodwood meeting next July.

from behind and win over two miles and those were not bad horses he beat."

The trainer would not commit himself but a clash with old rival Dorans Pride in the Drinmore Chase at Fairyhouse on December 1 is next on the cards for Danoli.



Castle Sweep drops a Champion Hurdle hint by winning at Chepstow on Saturday

#### SATURDAYS RESULTS

Doncaster

12.20 (1m) 1. Polar Flight (J Wesser, 3-1) 2. Silveram (7-4 tay); 3. Leading Note (13-2) 16 ran <sup>1-1</sup>, 8. M Johnston Toter 23-40; C1 60 C1.40, C2 00 DF E3.60 Text £4.90

12.50 (1m) 1, Moon River (7 Spoke, 8-1); 2 Tyrolisin Dream (14-1); 3, Petroy Isle 115-R Iswi 14 ran NR Move The Choids, 2-4-41 J Dunlop Tole 19-20, £2-50, £4-30, £1-50, DF: £86-60 The: £296-70 CSF £114-17

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2.55 / Im 40 1. Macaula Midana (A Darley 1-1) 2. Eva Lore (100-30) 3. Kainto (8-1) Elucion Day 2-1 fas. 9 ran 146, 169 / 169 Hev. 11 - 41, 8. J. Duniso, Totle (5-30) 52 10 21.50, 62.50, DF 610.80 Teo. 624.60

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Jackpot, not won good at \$2,595.07 carried forward to Wolvenhaupton Placepet £21.30. Quadpot £11.10.

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☐ Flemensfirth, trained by John Gosden and ridden by Frankie Detrori, collected his fourth overseas group success by taking the Premio Roma at the Capannelle yesterday.

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3.20 ALAN DREW SELLING HANDICAP

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1.00 Military Academy. 1.30 Rich Desire. 2.00 Saher. 2.30 Holy Sting. 3.00 Haile Dening. 3.30 Regal Romper. 4.00 Larkshill.

1.00 ANZIO NOVICES HURDLE (12,262 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

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2 441: SHAMBISTER 191 (6,51) Longo 6-11-5. M Foster 96

3 1-07 YOUNG KENRY 15 (5) P Beautroid 5-11-5 R Supple 89

4 20: SEN CRUNCHAN 286 (6) J. Jederson 6-10-12 M Buyer

5 50-3 TOLL FACTOR 16 64: M Review 6-10-12 M Buyer

6 KRYLE MONSTAR 288 Lungo 5-10-12 F Purset

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1.30 EBF TATTERSALLS (IRELAND) MARES ONLY MOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: E3,404: 2m 4! 110yd) (7) 

7-4 East Desict, 11-4 Manages Minter, 5-1 Cathlery Rose 6-1 offers 2.00 BROWN COW AT COCKERMOUTH NOVECES HANDICAP HURDLE (22.360: 2m 4t 110yd) (11)

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5 0-2 BANER 15 Mac A Sentent 7-11-9 ... J Supple 89

5 0-10 CORSTON JONER 201 L Longo 6-11-8 ... M Forder 92

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5 653 LEAP IN THE DARK 7 Macs 1.5 Select 7-10-13 ... A Thorston 91

6 0-05 LEFEBURY 16 J Tener 5-10-19 ... A Rocker 91

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPS. J. Lefterson. 13 wigners from 41 minutes. 31,7%, bite M. Reverty. 25 from 54, 22,8%; J. Fingenaid, 6 from 22, 27,3%, bits A. Sacciana, 6 from 28, 21,4%; G. Ruckards, 30 from 151, 19,9%. OCKETS: A Magaze, 8 wasners from 23 notes, 34.8%, P Kines, 25 wasn 99 25.3% M Dayer, 11 from 63, 17.5%, 1 Wyer, 7 from 40, 17.5%, 2 Gallaghan, 8 from 46, 17.4%; 6 Let, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

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2.30 SCOTS GUARDS LUCIUS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,535: 3m) (10) 

3.00 HYNDBURN BRIDGE AT CLAYTON-LE-MOORS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,318: 3m 110yd) (10) 5-2 Haile Denning, 9-1 Stormy Coral, 4-1 Troodss 8-1 Price Of May 10-1 others

3.30 GREYHOUND AT HALTON HANDICAP CHASE 1 134 SQUBA 206 (F.E.S) C Parter 7-11-10 8 Storey 91
2 2-31 REGML ROMPER 10 (D.F.G) 1/15 S Smith 8-11-10 R Guest 93
3 15-2 WGAMER BESINGE 9 (D.F.G) 1/15 S Smith 8-11-10 M Molosay 98
4 271- POTATO MAIN 152 (S) B Edizon 10-11-0 G Cariti (O) 93
5 F22- PROLINCED 180 (D.F.) 1/1 HESTIDITE 8-10-13 R GENTRY (S)
6 230- SUPEN SAMSY 167 (D.S.) F Relicto 9-10-3 0 Parter 96

6-4 Regal Remove, 3-1 Solba, 5-1 Weaver George, Potato Man, 6-1 others 4.00 TUMBLEDOWN STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (\$1,070: 2m 1i) (20)

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1 BRESTER SHADE 11 Mby M. Rowbey 6-11-11 C McCommick (7)

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- SPECIALISTS

1.10 wimpey Homes Handicap (Div I 52,949: 1m 11 79yd) (13) (Div I 52,949: 1m 11 79yd) (13)
201 0033 MASTER MILIFELD 4 (C.F.G) P Evers 49-10
322 -002 PEPSPES 10 N Earls 39-9
203 2010 SHAHEK 23 (C.S.) B Heydn Jenes 6-9-7.
204 2000 THEATIE MARSON 17 (6) 5 Bown ag 3-9-7...
205 1005 MASTER MILIFELD 11 (F.G) R Heathershoot 49-3
205 0000 MASTER NIT (F.G) R Heathershoot 49-3
207 5000 MASTER NIT (F.G) R Heathershoot 49-3
208 0031 GCD07 7 (6) J Heathershoot 39-3
209 0030 CECENTRIC DARKER 11 (B) M Bestry 3-8-4
210 -900 CECENTRIC DARKER 11 (B) M Bestry 3-8-4
210 9000 GREEK GOLD 126 (6) D Barter 7-3-1
212 9000 GREEK GOLD 156 (6) Darker 7-3-1
213 9000 MASTERN CAM 156 (CD.G) PRombeting 3-7-10
31-4 Subcy 3-1 Pepsers 7-2 Kester Mathiold, 10-1 Theatre Magne, Shable, 13-1
Crystal Warror 14-1 chars 1.40 WOLVERHAMPTON CHAMBER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0. £3,274' 1m 100yd) (12) 

WOLVERHAMPTON

12.40 Alisters Rocket. 1.10 Theatre Megic. 1.40 Greenwich Fore. 2.10 School Boy. 2.40 Sis Garden. 3.10 Golden Touch. 3.40 Princess Of Hearts. 4.10

12.40 THORPE VERNON LIMITED STAKES

| L. 440 THORPE VERNON LIMITED STAKES
| Div I: £2,169. 71 (12 runners) |
| 1002 HON'S YER FATHER 9 (D.F.S.S) R Hodges 10-9-3 |
| Arrandy Sanders (5) 10 |
102 10523 ALLSTARS ROCKET 10 (F) T Naughton 39-2	. T Sprake 3
103 3016 LOSH STYLE 10 (BF.) R Hollarsheta 39-2	. T Sprake 3
104 3010 PRESENT N CORRECT 19 (BF.) C Booth 39-2	. I Lymnock 7
105 0003 HAVE A NIGHTCAP 38J (B) N Literatur 7-9-8 D Griffins (5) 2	
106 0002 LEIGH CHOTTER 7 (B.C.D.F.G.S.) P Condell 7-9-0 J Wester 4	
107 0004 STATISTICIAN 12 (B.F. John Berry 4-9-0 J Williamson (7)	
109 6000 THECK AS TREVES 46 (F.D) Ronald Thompson 4-9-0 J Quite 6	
110 0500 SEST OF ALL 4 (E.B.F.S.) J Berry 4-8-1	. B Carler 11
111 3-00 GALAZA 9 W G M Turne 4-8-11	. D Mediatin (7) 6
12 4000 DAFFOOD, DOPRESS 74 M Ryan 3-8-10 D Biggs 1-1 offers.	

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DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 TAYLOR & CO ACCOUNTANTS MEDIAN (3-Y-O £3,098 1m 100yd) (13) WOUVERHAMPTON: Transers, J Gooden, 7 varnors from 19 number, 36 9%; M Johnson, 41 hom 166, 24 %, R J-Houghton, 3 hom 19, 23 1%; W Haigh, 4 from 19, 21 1%; P Hasten, 27 from 132, 20,3%; Jodiceys, R Lapper, 6 venters from 30 notes, 20,0%, J Weswer, 52 from 201, 19,9%; G Carter, 42 from 201, 18,3%; Amanda Sandore, 9 from 62, 14,5%, T Sprake, 13 from 101, 12,9% D Griffiths. (5) 13 JF Egan 4 N Cartista 6

-2 Recorate 5-1 Beas Ridge Happies 6-1 Hella Dolly, Bonne Villo B-1 other.

408 6400 SURF CITY 35 W Hugh 9-0 409 -000 BANCA CAPPELLO 45 (8) P Felgar 6-9 410 53 CARREAMS 91 Eyrs 8-9 411 0000 PETARINA 65 I Enerograf 6-9 412 5 RUBY ANCEL 130 H Capty 6-8 413 60 TIMELY TIMES 21 C Deep 6-3 .... J Quenn 9 ... N Adams 1 ... R Lappen 3 5-2 Carrestons, 4-1 Agent, 5-1 Stagley Meen, 7-1 School Boy Roby Angel, 8-1 subsets

2.40 THORPE VERNON LIMITED STAKES (Div II: £2,169: 7l) (12)

3.10 WIMPEY HOMES HANDICAP (Div II: £2,949 1m 11 79yd) (13) (Div It: \$22,949\* 1m 11 79yd) (13)

501 3540 CHADLEGH LARF 112 R Halleshad 4-3-10\* D Batteriots (5) 8
502 2000 CLASSIC ROMANIC 45 (5) R Hams 3-9-10\* D Batteriots (12)
603 0000 OUR TOM 37 (9,063) J Wateria 4-9-8
605 0000 SOLDEN TOMOST (9,063) J Wateria 4-9-8
605 0000 SOLDEN TOMOST (9,063) J Wateria 4-9-8
605 0000 SOLDEN TOMOST (9,063) S Bearry 9-9-0 D MCKeom 9
607 4000 NOTE OF CAUTION 21 N Solden 3-6-10\* L Respect (3) 3
608 0000 TOMOST (9,063) N Solden 3-6-10\* L Respect (3) 3
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610 0000 TOMOST (14) (6,03) P TOMOST (5-6-5) J Outron 1
611 0000 GREAT ESAN 9 (6,50) P STANDAR 5-6-5 L Champet 10
612 0000 SRAT ESAN 9 (6,50) P STANDAR 5-6-5 L Champet 10
613 0000 BAD NEWS 7 J Brade, 4-7-13
614 Outron SRAT ESAN 9 (6,50) P STANDAR 5-6-5 R Respect (7) 17
615 Outron SRAT ESAN 9 (6,50) P STANDAR 5-6-5 R Respect (7) 17
616 0000 BAD NEWS 7 J Brade, 4-7-13
617 Outron SRAT ESAN 5-7-5 Respect (4,7-13)
618 0000 BAD NEWS 7 J Brade, 4-7-13
619 0000 BAD NEWS 7 J Brade, 4-7-13

5-1 Chardego Lane, 11-2 Schlab Tauch 6-1 Schlamman, Classic Ramanan 6-1 Skevenamon, 10-1 Sandmoor Desich Rouss, 12-1 obers. 3.40 yvonne aulton selling stakes (2-Y-0 fillies: £2,519, 6f) (12) 2-Y-O fillies: E2,519. 6() (12)

1 3403 GRIN WISSEMBLE 7 (G) W 3 U Tome 3-J D Sweeney (7) 2
2004 PRINCESS OF HEARTS 9 (F) B Literian 9-7 ... \$ Santiers 9
3 3413 ROBEC GRIL 23 (C.G.) 15ex, 9-7 ... \$ \$ Santiers 9
4 6106 SWENTS TRYER 23 (F) Santian Barbaran 3-7 ... | 1 General 5-7 ... | 1 Wildows 5-7 ... | 1 Wildows 5-7 ... | 1 Wildows 5-7 ... | 1 General 5-7 ... | 1 Wildows 5-7 ... | 1 General 5-7 ... | 1

4.10 DISPLACEMENT DESIGN APPRENTICE HANDICAP (E2.243. 1m 4f) (12)

5-2 Princess Of Hearts, 7-2 Robert Girl, 6-1 Geory Marsematre, S-1 others

1 1566 STATE APPROVAL 39 (CD.F.G) A Janua 3-19-0 C Carrer (5) 3 2 3004 IN THE MOREY 7 (CD.F.G) R HIS TRANS 7-9-13 D GRIEBS 1 3 0004 HILL FARM DANCER 9 (CD.F.G) N EMBOUR 5-9 1 3 0004 MBL FARM DANCER 9 (CDF.6) N EVEN 12 (R Matters C) 9
4 6005 ARABOYBIL 7 (B.F.6) 1 Novine 1 3 1 Annual Samers 6
5 000 R ONNIC COCKN 31 (B.S.) 2 Novine 1 3 1 Annual Samers 6
6 1050 CDCOSSE 7 (M.G.) 1 2 1 4 5 4 5 5 SACKEY, (S) 5
7 546 CHARLE BISTRES 37 (CDF.6) 7 Novine 6 3 4 C Addreson 7
8 0554 SHAPP COMBAND 7 F EVEN 8 3 1 F HERRY (B) 12
9 4405 MASS PRAYDA 51 (F) 5 L'one 10 2 1 1 DECEMBER (B) 5 5 1 DECEMBER (B) 11 DECEMBER (B) 1

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#### **Owners** pay price of unjust taxation policy

Tarewell, then, to the 1996 Flat Turf season, which draws to an inglorious conclusion at Folkestone today. It was an ordinary season on the equine front, but the real fireworks were ignited by the sport's personalities. It was the year of Frankie Dettori's seventimer at Ascot, and the compelling duel between Henry Cecij and Saeed bin Suroor for the trainers' title.

It was also the year when many of Britain's largest owners reared up at the poor coststo-reward ratio of keeping a horse in training. Sadly, the pleasure of owning a race-horse will be lost if the financial equation is paramount. All owners start out in hope but disappointment is magnified when equated to cost. They must write off their investment and treat any dividends as bonuses.

This approach is largely dictated by excessive government taxation on betting. Irrespective of the bookmakers' role in racing's sorry finances, the sport's argument for relief is strong. When the chancellor delivers his Budget later this month, it is vital that racing benefits directly from any cut in General Betting Duty. The

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Racing Commentary

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amounts would barely dent the huge delicit annually accrued by owners, yet that is secondary to the fillip of government recognition of racing's cuse.

It is not just owners who bear the brunt of Britain's inequitable taxation policy. This season demonstrates that racing's enthusiasts are shortchanged, a message evident in the fate of Britain's best performers in 1996. A race-horse reaches its peak when it triumphs in a championship race. Of the 17 individual British group one winners this year. II have been retired or sold to race abroad. We will

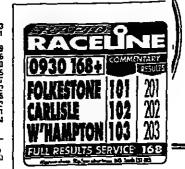
never see them race again. This frustration has plagued British racing for de-cades. One can identify with those who cannot see the point of diverting a freshly proven horse from the racetrack, but it is all to do with the necessity of owners to cash in their bonuses. Only then can they bring some sense to their financial investment in racing — to the detriment of the sport as a whole.

Further analysis of this

year's group one winners illustrates how owners follow this creed. Of the 17, seven were owned by individuals from outside the Middle East. All except First Island and Bijou D'Inde have been retired or sold. Once a racehorse maximises its value, only Arab owners can afford to risk their "asset" depreciating by g keeping it in training. Among Arab-owned group one winners in Britain this year, only Shaamit. Mark Of Esteem and Halling have been retired to stud. Bosra Sham. Classic Cliche, Iktamai, Lady Carla. Shantou. Swain and Soviet Line are to race on.

It is dangerous to racing's future if philanthropic Middle East influence masks the underlying financial problems. British ownership will disintegrate further, and there is always the chance the Arab & involvement may move on. Racing is an international industry. Comparisons of townership cost-to-return ra-

tios with other racing nations; are valid and why a more forceful campaign from racing's rulers — and a more sympathetic ear from government - are needed.



### Australia discover northern comforts Scotland make

BY DAVID HANDS RUGHY CYIRRESPONDENT

HOW is it that, at a time when British rugby in general, and England in particular, is going misty-eyed about the southern-hemisphere game, Australia can arrive at Murrayfield and win by play-ing a game that closely resembles that purveyed by England in recent years? Perhaps it is just a case of needs must when the devil of success

Australian rugby, at inter-national level, was becoming more dominated by the setpiece even before the demise of Bob Dwyer, their wach. Now. Greg Smith, his successor, needing to build the confi-dence of a young team, is putting pragmatism before style. In the heat of the southern-hemisphere kitchen last summer, Australia came third behind New Zealand and South Africa. Now that he is away from the spotlight of his own countrymen, Smith can concentrate on putting together a series of international wins as he remoulds the narional team.

He will have been encouraged by the reaction of his

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players to a victory that was worth more than ten points, given that Scotland's final try should not have been allowed. Joe Roff having pounded Tony Stanger into touch before the ball could be grounded. The Australia dressing-room was quiet. There was no exultancy. just a warm appreciation of the work that needs to be done to raise standards before meet-

ng Ireland and Wales. The Royal Bank international on Saturday offered an Australian XV playing effect-ively within its limits, which was why Richie Dixon, the Scotland coach, was moved to admit that "it was like playing England." As has been so often the case against England since 1990, the Scots came away disappointed, their lessthan-capacity crowd of 51,000

With their set-piece game so fragile, the back division could only fiirt with the ball-in-hand policy that David Johnston. the assistant coach, is so keen p) implement. So much, however, revolves around Gregor Townsend, and it was hard to argue that the restoration of the Gary Armstrong-Craig Chalmers link at half back was a complete success. They could not find each other with the acuity of old and Bryan Redpath, in his brief minutes on the pitch near the end. showed just why he may yet be the scrum half for the five



A determined thrust into the heart of the Australia defence by Armstrong, the Scotland scrum half, is brought to a shuddering end by Roff

nations'. Armstrong has, in any case, damaged a rib and may not be available for the international with Italy on December 14.

The best-balanced of the four half backs was David Knox, not so much for what he achieved as an individual but for his decision-making. Whether Australia are right to use Pat Howard on the inside break so frequently is a matter for Smith to consider. He has Tim Horan at his disposal and the injured Jason Little may yet contribute to this tour.

Smith's strictures about

refereeing did not stand up to scrutiny. That the game, in perfect conditions, never achieved the flow that both sides wanted was as much because of player-error as Patrick Thomas's interpretation. "It's very difficult to produce a marketable product if the person in control just keeps stopping it," Smith said. The referee has to take some responsibility for the product."

Many teams have found it hard, historically, to free ball at ruck and maul against Scotland, which was why Burke had the opportunity to

kick five penalty goals from seven attempts and Rowen Shepherd only three from four. From the moment when Australia achieved a 19-6 interval lead, Scotland looked unlikely to stem the tide.

They had neither the weight to stop Waugh driving over from a maul that followed a close-range lineout, nor the height and athleticism to stop Eales dominating the lineout. As a variant, Australia frequently used Finegan, the flanker, at the front of the lineout before he achieved his

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becoming the first player in international rugby to be offi-cially substituted. He was replaced by Brett Robinson. his Australian Capital Territo-

ry captain.
"We were lacking a bit of pace in the back row and Robinson is an open-side flanker," Smith said, his decision paying off four minutes later when Robinson contributed to the move that led to Herbert's try. That soothed the minor crisis created by sustained Scottish pressure: which led to a fine try by

> quickly as possible. Armetricing (Newcastle): D I W Hilber (Melcost), K D McKerzie (String County, B D Sevent (Scinburgh Academical), M I Wellace (Stagow HK), D F Gronin (Waspe), G W Weir (Newcastle), I R Smith (Glouasster), E W Pelers (Seith) Amstrong replaced by B W Redpeth (Melcost. 77min) AUSTRAL

In the first half, Townsend

twice unpicked the midfield

and was irritated with his

knock-on when halfway

through a gap. Had he pro-

duced a morale-boosting try at

that stage, a different game

That, perennially, has been

Scotland's problem at the highest level. The taking of

chances is what distinguishes

the achievers from the mighthave beens. "We have no one

to blame but ourselves." Dixon said, which is why there is

so much concern in Scotland

that the structure of improved

club and district competition

should be put in place as

might have developed.

### a song and dance of switch to open era

Mark Souster on the national team

that continues to play catch-up rugby

o the depressing statistics continue as do the lame excuses. As one journalist succinctly summed up the situation, Scotland's pre-Christmas record is worse than anything Mud or Slade ever produced. They, at least, got to No 1, while the Scotland hopes of achieving such a lofty position appear non-existent. They are still bub-bling under the top five and, judging by this performance, ambitions of rising in the charts appear slim. Not even a pre-match concert by The Proclaimers, on the comeback trail themselves, could help. Remember, remember Scot-

land's appalling November, mind-numbing defeats by New Zealand and South Africa in 1993 and 1994, a tame and fortunate draw against Western Samoa and now this,

a defeat less damaging in terms of the scoreline but perhaps greater in significance. This 'Players was supposed to had to pore be the occasion when everything clicked, especially over small

print rather not world-beaters; than tactics' professional players in the profes sional era, fulltime meaning just that. No

distractions. Wrong. There have been distractions. Contract negotiations have overshadowed preparations. Players who, in an ideal world, should have signed on the dotted line in September, found themselves poring over the small print of offers from the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) rather than tactics. It is not their fault, just that they have been the victims of

While the union has been putting the behind the scenes structure in place, the basic direct relevance to the players have been neglected. There does not, as yet, appear to be. any co-ordinated approach between the SRU, the districts and the clubs. No doubt, this will come in time, but so far the players have found themselves dancing to different tunes from different coaches. They have suffered as a

Despite this, hopes were high that exposure to the melting pot of European Cup rugby would be the ideal preparation for the contest and, in terms of fitness, it was. There was no lacking in enthusiasm and commitment, but, for the last hour, Scotland were playing catch-up rugby, a fact that their commendable second-half comeback could not disguise.

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They were comprehensively dismanded up front by an Australia tight fire and therein lies the first and the comprehensively are comprehensively and the comprehensively and the comprehensively are comprehensively and the comprehensively and the comprehensively are comprehensively and the comprehensively distributed and the comprehensively distributed and the comprehensively dismanded up from the comprehensively and the comprehensively dismanded up from the comprehensive dismanded up from the comprehensi iem. Until Scotland can rediscover teak-tough scrummagers in the mould of Iain Milne or Sandy Carmi-chael, they will always struggie more so with the greater emphasis nowadays on the set-piece. Jim Telier, the SRU director of rugby, was only half-joking when, during the summer tour to New Zealand, he suggested that the answer could be to import some Maoris into the Highlands and set up a special breeding programme. One awaits with

interest the results. prop competition supervised by the powers-that-be. who are digging league in the hope of unearthing a rough diamond who could be recut and polished be-

fore being sent out to shine in the international arena. With the benefit of that wonderful commodity, hindsight, the decision to shunt Gregor Townsend, the author of many of Scotland's recent hits, was wrong. Australia were certainly staggered by the switch which, on paper. made sense, given Craig Chainers's sparkling early season form. Townser captain, pulled the strings when he could and, when Scotland bit a high note, Townsend was invariably in-

Chalmers and Armstrong looked a throwback to a bygone era; they looked and often played like strangers. Redpath, with his razor-sharp service, will surely be back to face Italy in harness with Townsend, So. too. Scott Hastings and Ian Jardine and Andy Reed.

volved but too often he

To their credit, Scotland have found themselves in similar situations before and come good after Christmas. witness two successive tilts at a grand siam. So one must not be too persimistic.



#### Clement's ill fortune strikes once again

ANTHONY CLEMENT, the Swansea full back, had an operation on his Achilles tendon after his club's defeat by Ebbw Vale in the Welsh

League on Suturday. Clement, 29, capped 37 times by Wales, has been increasingly injury-prone despite having made two tours with the British Isles, to Australia in 1989 and New Zealand in 1993. This latest blow is almost certain to put him out for this season.

Wales should, however, have the services of Scott Quinnell, whose agent, Mike Burton, has reached agreement with the Welsh Rugby Union after a series of wrangles over the contractual, value of players who work outside Wales. Quinnell, the Richmond No 8. could receive a march fee of £3,000, with a similar bonus on top of a 510,000 retainer.

English clubs have been warned by Tom Wacker, the chief executive of the International Rugby Football Board. that failure to release players for international duty could result in disciplinary action. "The regulations are quite clear on the matter." Wacker said. "National sides take precedence. Clubs are not to

Nick Popplewell, the Ireland loose-head prop. will miss the international against Western Samoa at Lansdowne Road tomorrow. Popplewell has a hamstring injury and his place goes to Henry Hurley, of Moseley. WESTERN SANGA (v Indoné Landowno Raed Latterdowno Raed Latterdown V Park A Soloslo T Vadga. G Laupete V Tugaraso, E Valo, J Famur G Laupete V Tugaraso, E Valo, J Famur Raed A Le vu S Tabli P

ly deserved 20-5 victory over Gresham's, from Holt, in Norfolk. The result, as well as bringing Gresham's run of ten consecutive wins to a halt in what they willingly admit is their "cup final", extended Oundle's sequence this term to six victories and one draw in seven matches and contin-

ued the encouraging start to

### Oundle thrive in good company the jersey, took up his post at the beginning of this term and, when asked at his interview whether he could im-



Olver, the former Harlequins captain, Northampton hooker and seemingly peren-nial England number two No 2 while Brian Moore filled cessor, answered, obviously appealingly: "Yes — cancel the two fixtures lost by Oundle last season." Cobner, the former British Lion who was headhunted by the Welsh Rugby Union for

prove on the high standard set

by Terry Cobner, his prede-

the post of director of rugby this time last year, won 19 caps as a fearless flanker and was going to be a hard act to follow, but, as the three caps that Olver garnered testify, he is no stranger to a challenge.
"The head [David Me-Murray was insistent that



rugby at Oundle should not be of the 'stuff it up your jumper' variety," Olver said, "and that is how I want to see it played too." That, indeed, was how they beat Gresham's. It was at stand-off half, where Gresham's were de-

prived of John Wyatt, their playmaking captain, that the game ran away from them, although Mark Tucker, the Oundle incumbent, had much to prove, too. Tucker followed Olver from Northampton Grammar School in September and was a cousin of lan Tucker, the Oxford University student who effectively lost his life in a match against Saracens only two weeks ago. In his first game since that incident, he could have produced no finer a tribute.

One of five players from Olver's lower sixth, Tucker displayed a presence and authority that Gresham's could only dream of matching his conversion of Ed Duckett's try from the righthand touchline, seven minutes into the second half, provided Oundle with a twoscore buffer and a path to safety after Olver had issued one of his "inspirational" halftime directives to a team that, at that time, had dominated the play but not the scoreline.

As the specific years for seasons suggests, Oundle play rugby for only one term and on that basis do not enter the Daily Mail Cup, in which their skills could be judged nationally. As Colston's Colle-glate School, from Bristol, have proved by winning the competition for the past two seasons, that restriction should not be seen as a barrier. With the likes of Tucker to call on in 1997 and Olver's enthusiasm still at its peak, perhaps it is time for Oundle to consider a change. SCORES: Consider Time E Ducket, U Bross. Conventions: M Tudor (2) Persay

#### Teichmann leads from front for **Springboks**

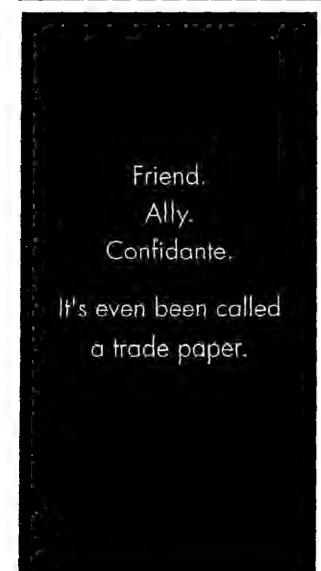
SOUTH AFRICA won the first of their two matches against Argentina in Buenos Aires on Saturday, scoring five tries in the second half for a 46-15 victory. Gary Teichmann, the successor to François Pienaar as South Africa captain, was the outstanding player of the match and led his team to a comfortable win.

The South Africans were playing the second match of their tour, having beaten a Rosario club selection XV on Tuesday 45-36. The second international will take place this coming Saturday, also in

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Buenos Aires. The Springhoks started slowly, falling behind to a try by Gonzalo Camardon after Cilley and Honiball had swapped penalty goals. But sloppy defending by Argenti-na allowed Andre Venter and Mark Andrews to score tries - both converted by Honiball - that gave South Africa a 17-8 advantage at half-time.

South Africa put the match out of reach of Argentina with two tries straight after the interval, one scored by Hennie le Roux, the centre, and a penalty try. Argentina scored a second try, but it proved to be academic as the Springboks ran in three late tries, the best scored by André Joubert. Federico Méndez, the Argentina hooker who has signed recently for Bath, said afterwards that he was not overwhelmed by South Africa's performance, "I can't say that I am terribly impressed by this South African team: I think Natal could beat them. he said. Their rugby is not very imaginative and they rely



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RUGBY UNION

### Hall unhappy at the absence of Bath commitment

By JOHN HOPKINS

AT THREE games seen in eight days, 32 tries were scored in the first two and none in the third. Yet the last game was the best of the three by the length of a Mike Catt punt. The first two were frolies with hardly a worthy scrum or forward move all afternoon. Northampton and Bath, by contrast, went at one another with such commitment that there were moments when you wanted to avert your eyes.

These days, Northampton are doing most things right. A packed and understandably committed crowd gave a touching demonstration of good manners by according Bath's kickers complete sikence. Though the band that always used to greet the players as they ran on to the pitch was absent, it was probably because it would not have been able to make itself heard above the noise generated by the supporters. Is there a club in the first division with better

support than Northampton's? Then, there is lan Mo-Gecchan, always the same quiet and thoughtful man whose conversation makes you think. As darkness fell, he stood in the glare of a spotlight while being interviewed by television and surrounded by

50 spectators who hung on his every word. "It was a highly competitive and very clean game." McGeechan, the Northampton coach, said. Both sides were in extremely competitive moods.

He had thought about seeking a postponement of the game because Jonathan Bell, Allan Clarke, Michael Dods and Gregor Townsend were wanted by their countries, and though he gained considerable support from the Rugby Football Union, he decided against it, reasoning that there were probably not enough

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Saturdays left on which to stage the fixture.

Any remaining doubts were swept away by the edge of reality that has always been a McGeechan trademark. "The players have got to learn some time," he said. It did not stop him from criticising those unions, however - "Ireland and other unions are not helping the game."

Northampton took the game to Bath as if their lives depended on it, and the nine points by which they led at half-time proved enough of a bulwark for them to withstand Bath's comeback in the second half. They played more than

Rodber, their inspirational captain, whose left leg was stamped on. It is thought, though, that he will be fit to play against Italy on Novem-

At Bath, John Hall, the team manager, is considered a man among men. Phil de Glanville. the Bath captain, acknowledges that Hall has the last word in team selection, giving the impression that Hall has. the last word in everything. This might not have been apparent from the way that Hall ambled on to the pitch at half-time and stood addressing his men with his hands in his corduroyed pockets. Nor could you have guessed from his face that anything was amiss at the end of the game; but his words would have sliced through glass.

"We did not seem to compete," he said. "They competed. They wanted to win. Our lads didn't seem to want to. I said before the game that it was going to be very hard, but they did not seem register. I also did not understand at the end why we were playing for a draw. We had three pieces of quality possession and we decided to kick. A draw was no good. We needed to win."

Bath lost this game in the first half. They were rattled by the intensity of Northampton's play and conceded penalties, two of which Grayson turned into points, and were set back



Beal, the Northampton full back, finds his way barred by Sleightholme, the Bath wing

both got it and deserved it.

on their heels as early as the seventh minute when Grayson dropped a goal. The game was there for the taking during a pulsating second half when Martin Haag, Brian Cusack and Steve Ojomoh were more inventive and efficient in the lineout than Northampton and Catt's kicking from hand again and again set up opportunities. In years gone by, Bath would have won games such as this, somehow; but, as Hall

acknowledged, Northampton wanted victory more and they

### Rough justice for victims of unfair dismissals

BY GERALD DAYLES

REFEREES cart narely rest easy: so much to think about, so little appregiated. Almost CYCTY D somewhere, to dispute d. Theirs is an unenviable position. A sending off, however, usually inspires widespread endursement, but since referees can nowadays choose one of three options - a from ticking off, a yellow card and a red card - there is latitude for disagreement. Shades of opin-

By and large, though, sym-

was not the case at Ebbw Vale

Mark Jones and Struct Evans were given their marching orders in the thirtieth minute of the first half. Once colleagues at Neath, they departed to rugby league only to season. At Eugene Cross Park, they found themselves on oppcome sides.

 The match had been keenly contested and was getting keener. Suddenly, mayhem broke out and, amid the wreckage, the former teammanes were seen belting the living daylights out of each other. After consulting with a touch judge, Peter Bolland, the There was no warning or yellow card.

As they walked away, Jones and Evans shook hands, smiled and chanted amicably together. They were clearly sharing a joke. There were no hard feelings. By the time they they were stroiling almost arm In arm. Such was their camaraderie, the crowd gave

them a little applause. Odd, really. Well, perhaps not so odd. The question is: to what extent should a referee take into account that, in a rough and tumble game, an outbreak of fisticults is quite likely to occur? An unsuspecting player may get an accidenmisinterpreted, might open hostilities. As an initial response, the referee should take a somewhat lenient view. After all, having let off such

excessive steam, the players can then get on with the game. It is partly to be expected, being tolerant of a boot in the Dwelling on this point suggests that there was little of

interest elsewhere. This is partly correct. There was genagreement that the dismissals deflated the game's early combative mood. If Ebbw Vale do not appear to travel so well away from their valley, nobody entering it can

This was their sixth win in eight matches; were they more adept at scoring tries, and so gaining bonus points, they would be higher up the first division than they are. They have a stubborn pack

whose qualities are reinforced complement each other. Llewellyn is a striker who is capable of earning territory from his penetrating runs. Hayward kicks his goals well. In the first half, he landed a penalty goal and a dropped goal to Thomas's two penalty

James Griffiths's superb two-handed catching in the lineout gave Swansea the edge

managed only another penalty goal by Thomas. The last ten minutes belonged to Ebbw Vale. They pummelled the Swansea line and nearly crossed several times. In time added on, they did. Hayward scored the try and kicked the

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#### Mapletoft provides Gloucester with means to advance

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BY A CORRESPONDENT

MARK MAPLETOFT was steadily climbing the England representative ladder when it was kicked out from under him 18 months ago. Mapletoft's international aspirations were wrecked when he suffered a knee injury, sidelining him during a period in which England were searching for a successor to Rob Andrew at stand-off half.

There was, therefore, a certain irony that Mapletoft returned to the same Brierton Lane ground where he suffered that injury and proved to be the catalyst for Gloucester's victory in this Courage Clubs Championship first-division

relegation struggle.

Mapletoft collected a personal tally of 18 points with a try, two conversions and three penalty goals, and was by far and away the most influential figure on the field.

Nevertheless, Richard Hill. the Gloucester director of coaching, went home a reasonably happy man. Hill ac-cepted that the skill level was not as high as it could have been, while Mark Ring, the West Hartlepool player-coach, took most of the blame for his side's stuttering display.

"We tried to play it wide, but the Gloucester set-piece was too strong for us." Ring said. but I've got enough experience not to make plays in that situation and that's probably one of the reasons why I had a bad game. I persisted in trying to play high-risk rugby, and put the backs under pressure playing behind the forwards."

Mapletoft did exactly the opposite. He kept the ball in front of his big pack, knowing that they would win the rucks and mauls, and the lineouts more often than not, it was not great rugby, but it was effective: and when points are needed to stave off the spectre of relegation, who expects

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#### Munster's spirit not enough to undermine Samoans

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FROM KARL JOHNSTON

THE sending-off of Trevor Leota, their hooker, early in the second half had no adverse effects on the Western Samoans as they powered their way past a depleted Munster in a lively match on Saturday. Leota had previously been warned for being too vigorous and the referee had no hesitation in dismissing him for a dangerous late

IN CORK

Colm Tucker, the Munster team manager, was happy enough with the performance, considering that II of his firstchoice players were training with national squads. The Western Samoans displayed superb handling skills, incisive running as well as a refreshing penchant for counter-attack that rubbed off on Munster.

Top honours for Munster went to Mike Lynch, at centre, who scored two tries, and Aidan O'Halloran, who kicked two conversions and two penalty goals.
The Western Samoans did

enough to suggest that they will be no pushover in the international against Ireland Tuigamala came on at left wing in the second half to

play his first match for his

native country, but it was Pailate Fili, the right wing. who was outstanding. Mark Fatialofa and Terry Fanolua, the centres, scored three tries between them. Sene Ta'aia and Fili also went

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### **Cooke short-changes Scots**

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IT WILL not be long before the tactical substitution is as familiar a part of rughy union as lifting in the lineout and cauliflower ears in the front now, but, for now, it is a nevelty and, on Saturday, it won this Courage Clubs Championship second division game for Redford.

It was Bedford who had first taken advantage of rugby's latest law against South Africa A last Monday. So it was no surprise to see Geoff Cooke. the club's director of rugby. pesticulating wildly from the touchline with 55 minutes gone against London Scottish at Richmond Athletic Ground. Cooke and Paul Turner, the

Bedford player-cuach, who missed this game with a hamstring injury, had marched on to the pitch at halftime in an attempt to sort out what was proving a compelling candidate for most mediccre game of the season.

The teams had rurned round at 7-7. Oliver having put Whetstone over for Bedford. Steele having created and completed a reply for London Scottish; but the first 30 minutes were scoreless and Martin Offiah was isolated and

Whatever it was that Cooke and Turner said had linie effect, however, Granted, the storeboard started ticking over with greater alacrity, but Bedford were failing to deploy their superior tirepower up front and lacked penetration in midfield.

So, Pepper came on for Marshall, Rayer moved up to stand-off half instead of Tap-



last. Bedford started to dictate.



the posts for the decisive score. unemployed on the wing.

It was all a little harsh on London Scottish, who competed gamely throughout the second half. Steele, the club coach and stand-off half, took defeat on the chin. It was, he said, a better all-round performance than of late. "We controlled the game for about 70 minutes, but we just don't turn pressure into points enough," he said.

per and Pechey, formerly a Castleford rugby league player, came in to the centre. At Steele and Rayer exchanged further penalty goals, but then, with three minutes left. Rayer, the former Wales inter-

them in fourth position, now second. Cooke believes that there is an ourside chance of promotion. "But, if we lose that, we're out of it," he said. SCORESS: Leadon Scottish: Tries: Steele, Rayner. Conversions: Steele (2). Persalty goals: Steele (4). Bedford: Thes: Whetstone, Hewalt. Pechey Conversions: Rayer (3). Persalty goals: Rayer (2). LONDON SCOTTISH: N RObuson: A Turner, M Sty. E Rayner. S Wichtary J Steele. D Millard: J Band. J McLellan, P Burnel, M Duffue, R Hunter, A Jackson, T Janicouch. C Tartuck. Wichary repacced by T Watson (69 min)

Offiah: isolated

Sale make hard work of subduing Orrell national, put Pechey in under

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT WAS the dustcart after the Lord Mayor's Parade, but while Sale's victory at Heywood Road conspicuously lacked the pomp of their previous victory over Harlequins, they demonstrated the ability that a good team must possess of playing badly and still winning. Sale survive, indeed thrive,

on their wits. Orrell. firmly anchored at the foot of the first division, look sunk. In Anglesea and Hitchmough, they possess two of the most promising talents in the league, but how long will it be before they are lured away? As tenacious as Orrell were, Sale, for all the contrasting sloppiness to their performance against Harlequins, were predictable winners once Erskine had claimed the

first try. Sale badly missed Dewi Morris, but were never really T Watson (69 min)
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(55); Marshall replaced by M Pepper (55) in trouble when Fowler and Baldwin, their admirable locks, were in command. Baldwin's try was typical of their performance, a clean lineout take and drive over the line by Fowler and Co in a dominant

second half. If a penalty try had been awarded for the daylight robbery, in which Anglesca was deliberately held back when in the clear, it could have been interesting. As it was, Hitchmough landed his second penalty goal of the first half and Orrell failed in the intervening half-hour, until a consolation score by Nelson, to punish Sale's glaring errors and missed tackles.

O'Grady was well positioned for his two tries, one after skilful work by Rees and the other courtesy of an air shot by Hitchmough as he attempted to clear. There was no luck about the last try, a set-move with Devereux the decoy runner and Beim the unstoppable scorer.

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Coventry ......35 By MICHAEL AYLWIN

BRANDISHING their newly acquired status as sole conquerors of Newcastle this seamore traditional fare on Saturday and maintained their Courage Clubs Championship second division with this win. Moseley were the hosts of this Midland derby, a fixture that is 117 years old, but showed

try count were convincing for ly during the opening quarter of an hour in which Moseley burst into a 13-0 lead, that included a try for Dan Harris. Coventry, though, were eventually worth the win, with their stronger and more skilful forwards providing ammunition for an imaginative midfield.

**Coventry inspired by Eves** charming touches at outside centre, but seemed content to

son. Coventry returned to pressure at the top of the

scant respect for Coventry's growing reputation. The final score and the 5-1 Coventry, but the performance was less so, particular-

There was a lethargy to some of Coventry's approach. however, that was at odds with the tradition behind the occasion. Julian Horrobin, the No S. is, for example, a skilled footballer, who made some spend much of his time in the threequarters. A little more graft in the heart of the action might have been appropriate. Yet Coventry's game is founded upon such versatile

footballers. Their forwards are required to be interchangeable with their backs. We're on a learning curve." Derek Eves, the player-coach. said. "We weren't so good today, but form counts for nothing in these local derbies. If Coventry were after a role model, though, they need look no further than Eves, who

was in superlative form. Eves. the former Bristol captain, seems to be involved in almost everything and was



instrumental in the game's best try, Coventry's third. Released by one of Coven-

try's switches in midfield. Eves sprinted 40 yards to Moseley's 22 before supplying Andy Smallwood with the scoring pass. Earlier tries from Crane and Dawson a second-half try from Crofts and a late penalty try completed Coventry's win. Moseley remain at the bot-

tom of the second division, but continue to recruit. Darragh O'Mahony, the Ireland international, made his debut on Saturday and looked sharp on the wing, but the biggest source of excitement is the signing of Al Charron, the Canada flanker.

Charron, 30, the captain of Canada, becomes available for selection next month and should provide Moseley with a cutting edge.

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Despite the victory, Cooke

was unimpressed. "That was

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mance of the season," he said.

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Bedford, whose seventh win

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### Goss makes light of handicaps

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

stop around the world is hard enough. Doing it with no radio almost from day one. makes it doubly hard. In Pete Goss's case, it is depriving him of vital weather faxes and cutting him off from his fellow competitors.

Despite these handicaps. Goss has produced a fine performance in the first week of the Vendée Globe to be lying in seventh place, as the 16-strong fleet heads down towards the Canaries. Goss, whose Adrian Thompson-designed Aqua Quorum is the only 50-looter in the race, is a little more than 100 miles behind Yves Parlier, of France, on Aquitaine Innovations, the leader.

In an interview via satellitefax from his boat yesterday, Goss admitted that the loss of his single side-band radio, shortly after the start, when he endured two days of going to windward into a gale in the Bay of Biscay, was beginning to worry him. He has tried everything to get it going, but so far to no avail.

"As time goes on, so the racing becomes more and more consuming," he said. "Unfortunately, the lack of a radio denies me the skipper's chat show, so I am missing out there — not just the race information but the company of a common cause." Later, after explaining his puzzle-ment at its failure, he added: "I feel its loss severely as I can't get any weather faxes in cross your fingers on the

radio, as I see it as pivotal." Goss's predicament is something of an action replay of the single-handed transatiantic race this summer when he also lost use of his radio after it was flooded during a knockdown about two thirds of the way across, leaving him again short on weather information. This time, he is getting data

SAILING single-handed non- from the race organisers and Meteo France on his Sat-Com C, but he clearly feels at a

> Goss had a tough start, like everyone else. While he pounded across the Biscay into 45 knots, he was continually sick and ate only one day's food in three days. "It was pretty grim - I just kept gulping water and going for it," he said. "I felt a bit punchdrunk at times, but with the wind on the nose, I got away with it. All I had to do was hold on.

Then Goss experienced the first pangs of the loneliness that all the skippers have to battle against and which will be a bigger danger to him if he is unable to restore radio contact. "After Biscay and all the humanity and frenzy of the start. I felt very displaced and had to focus on the basics," he said. "The hardest thing I have ever done is get Aqua Quorum to the start. At times it has haunted me."

Yesterday. Goss was making around nine knots under full main and his 265 square metre spinnaker. Behind him, there are nine 60-footers. One, skippered by Didier Munduteguy, is still in port at Les Sables D'Olonne, awaiting a new mast.

Three other skippers who each had to return to Les Sables for repairs. Nandor Fa. of Hungary, Thierry Dubois. of France, and Tony Bullimore, of Great Britain. have all restarted.

Parlier, the leader, meanwhile, has abandoned his plans to stop in a river on Grand Canary to refill his fresh water containers, more than half of which have leaked and are now empty. He has no water on board Aquitaine Innovations and will rely instead on collecting rain off his mainsail and hope that that gets him to the finish.

### Whineray head and shoulders above the rest



David Hands on the

issue of leadership

as de Glanville takes rugby helm

stepped down as captain of the England rugby union team last March, he did so after 59 appearances in the role. During his eight years at the helm, the course of the game changed fundamentally, England's profile rose like a rocket and Carling himself became one of the most identifiable sportsmen in the country — indeed, in the world, though not all of that fame was

due to his rugby skills. In the context of his sport, no man has achieved such a record of leadership. Before Carling. England's captaincy record was held by the bluff Bill Beaumont with 21; his nearest rival is Sean Fitzpatrick, the New Zealander, with 41. Yet, as Phil de Glanville prepares for his first game as captain, does longevity necessarily make for greatness? Certainly it is a testimony to endurance, to the respect of team-mates and management. to skills to hold down a place in a national team for so long.

Every successful captain in every sport will tell you that a great captain is part of a great team and the bigger the team

as in rugby with 15 players,
as against 11 cricketers or footballers - the more things can go wrong. That Carling was part of a memorable period of English rugby history and that teams that he led achieved more than in any other period of the game is indisputable. The facts are



Farr-Jones, who is one of the best international captains of the modern era, remains a man of genuine humanity

David Miller, chief sports correspondent, makes his

choice of the best leader to step onto a football pitch

there: three grand slams, a five nations' championship and a

World Cup final. True greatness, though, is achieved by few and England's successes over the past eight years must be set within the parameters of European rugby and those self-imposed restrictions of style that were accorded respect but seldom affection, let alone the awesome qualities of, say, the 1967 New Zealanders or their successors of 1987 and 1996. Within those limitations, Carling performed well, but the game's historians may decide that his particular genius was in remoulding the office off the field — of bringing to it an individual quality that appealed to the reserved English character yet helped Carling onto a commercial plane which none of his predeces-

sors had envisaged.

served for those individuals

TOMORROW

strictly limited.

greatness: yet, as a player, Pienaar lacks genuine stature. His qualities shine through as who win matches when the chips are down, who take loecold decisions in the heat of battle that change the course of events. Thus the leader by being the right man in the right place at the right time. A combination of good judgment example - Jean-Pierre Rives. the Frenchman, Eric Evans, and good fortune precipitated. Pienaar into the limelight and the English hooker, the rockhe, blessed with good looks, intelligence and diplomatic solid Gavin Hastings, of Scotland - will fail the ultimate test. Ireland offer a trio of longstanding hookers in Kari Mullen, Ronnie Dawson and Ciaran Fitzgerald, all of them British Isles captains, but whose record of success is

Some may argue that Fran-cois Pienaar, 29 times the leader of South Africa, fulfils all the criteria for sporting

stature above and beyond the common run, acquired a charisma at a time of cataclysmic change in South Africa that will endure even longer in the." circumstances of his sudden rejection by his sport's leaders. Yet, we must go further south for the epitome of the

great captain - to New Zealand and to Australia, who

dates for greatness: Wilson Whineray, Brian Lochore and Graham Mourie. Had he played longer, maybe Mourie would have achieved all the necessary qualifications, but he chose not to appear against the 1981 South Africans and did not lead his country again. The palm must go to Whineray, both for what he was as a sportsman and the obvious gifts that have taken

have learnt so much in so short a time from their near

neighbour. The All Blacks

offer three outstanding candi-

him far in New Zealand's public life since.

When a man is called upon to lead New Zealand at the age of 23, it is no accident.

Whiteray, a loose head propwho played provincial rugby from 1953 to 1966, appeared 32 times for the All Blacks. He was captain on 30 times between 1958 and 1965, against the best in the world - the 1959 British Lions, the 1960 South Africans, the 1961 French and on tour in England in 1963-64, when he was chaired from the field after the final match against the

Barbarians. His teams failed on only five occasions. Terry McLean. New Zealand's greatest rugby writer, described Whineray as highly intelligent, mature beyond his years, a most earnest student of the game, a firm but calm leader who commanded unqualified admiration. I would unhesitatingly acclaim him as New Zealand's greatest

Colin Meads, a great but grim player of few words, remarked on the fierce loyalty that Whineray inspired and after the tour to South Africa in 1960, the only losing series in which Whineray played. South Africans acknowledged that New Zealand could not have sent "a more responsible or finer character as captain."

scends his time: his ball skills would have made him as much at home in the game today as in his own era, and few are granted a specific tactic named after them - in his case, the "Willie away", the lineout peel and charge that others have emulated. He could play No & and enjoyed himself in the back row on tour on several occasions.

Whineray played with out-standing individuals — Lochore himself, Meads, Don Clarke. So, too, did Nick Farr-Jones, the Australia scrum half who may be described as the best of the modern era. It is given to few to lift rugby's ultimate prize, the World Cup, but Farr-Jones did so yet he remains a man of genuine

humanity. Farr-Jones seldom allowed his position as the pivot of the Australia team to crush his temper flared during the 1989 series against the Lions, but he became a truly gifted player and captain. Three years after his departure. Australia are still struggling to replace

All great players leave a void when they have gone, which brings us back to Carlang. Only when he has gone will we know his true value.

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### While pounding Hampstead Heath, Oliver August set his sights on breaking a marathon barrier





It's all over, for now at least: Oliver August keeps warm after completing the New York City marathon and (right) the access ramp to the Verrazano Narrows bridge, from Staten Island to Brooklyn, the starting point of the event

On the run in New York

#### Three hours; (80 min-utes; 10,800 seconds, That is the soundharrier for marathon runners. The sub-three hour club isn't exclusive, worldclass runners jog the 26 miles in a little over two hours. But for an amateur, a two-hour simething marathon is quite

an achievement. At least that is what I have been telling myself over the past few months as I have Heath in the dark. My chosen location for an attempt at joining the sub-three hour club was New York, home of the hyperactive. Now I was facing the Verrazano Narrows hridge, the world's second largest suspension bridge and starting point of the New York City marathon.

rooms" even though they were stinking portable lavatories. How much of an uphili struggle this would be was easy to grasp. Unlike the London marathon, there were Opposite, the world's longest urinal - 380 feet - had been no easy-to-overtake runners erected. Unfortunately, it colup as Mr Blobby or lapsed at one end as runners were leaving the various pre-

Americans il didn't know the warm-up area. The start gun went off. Five there were that many), and it minutes later I was still standseemed that getting across the starting line, let alone reaching in the same spot. I overing Manhattan, was going to take more than three hours. I heard a conversation between. two marathon veterans, almost Clinton and Dole was coid. I was claustrophobic and I had missed the last lookalikes, one tall and talkchance to go to the toilets --they still called them "bathative, the other thinner and more sceptical. Bill said: "A

marathon shouldn't hurt till the very end." Bob said: "You just push through, I guess."

How I wanted to agree with them. But my first marathon, in Leeds last spring, had moving at a somewhat overoptimistic pace as it turned out. What happened after mile 20 I find difficult to recall because I was only just conscious enough to stay upright. The running community has coined two terms that describe what happens when your body runs out of fuel: "hitting the wall" or simply "blowing

In the last six miles of the Leeds marathon I was passed by the most humiliating range of runners. One-legged penthing patronising as they hobbled past. I eventually finished in three hours 38 minutes. My second and so far only other marathon saw a decent enough improvement in my finishing time but was equally painful. I bumbled along the Thames from Windsor to Chiswick in 3 hours 14 minutes. Getting under three hours now seemed to be

within my grasp.
It took 15 minutes to get over and off the Verrazano Narrows bridge. We were heading north through Brooklyn and the weather and atmosphere were warming up. Runners took off jumpers and woolly hats and tossed them into the crowd. Many runners had T-shirts with their names printed on and the crowds readily cheered "Go Ollie, Go Ollie,

Thousands had come out. This was a street party as

Running the New York marathon must be one of the salest and most comprehensive sightseeing tours of the city. Protected by a wall of well-meaning spectators we ran through some of the den neighbourhoods. No tourist would dare to come here at any other time. Yet these areas reveal a surprising picture. Judging from the segregation among the crowds, the idea of America as a melting pot eems preposterous. Cubans. Mexicans, Jews. Afro-Americans, Koreans, Vietnamese, Chinese, Italians, Russians -

Bridge, made famous in a

Simon and Garfunkel song.

MARC ASPLAND

made all the effort of getting

hands held out, waiting to slap a runner's hand. Their moththey all occupy their own separate blocks, offering their ers tooked on with baskets of own food and playing their food and slices of fruit for us. ONTO MUSIC. The marathon as a sightsec-Meanwhile, a different band ing tour became even more attractive as we left Brooklyn was playing on every street corner, urging the runners onwards with anything from at the halfway point, dipped jazz to the theme tune from the into Queens for two miles and then crossed the East River More than once I felt like into Manhattan. There is little that hasn't been said about the asking "why aren't you run-Manhanan skyline, and the view from the 59th Street ning?" But I was still feeling fit and well. I was logging seven

In Manhattan along First Avenue, the crowds were ever denser than in Brooklyn but some runners were already fading and starting to walk. At mile 20 a medical tent was waiting for them, with more than 50 nurses kneeling by their haggard and blistered patients. I had just passed the tent and entered Fifth Avenue in Harlem for the final stretch when my body started to rebel. club membership wasn't going to be cheap.

LEFT:

there on foot worthwhile.

symphony of mara-thon noises is all that my brain registered in the last five miles. A subway train rushing below. The never-ending it's-notmuch-further shouts from the crowds. Dogs barking in the adjoining Central Park. At the water stations, the sounds of the half-full cups splashing onto the road, the squashing noise when the following runners stepped on them, and then the gentle rustling as the wind swept the empty and flattened cups across the Manhattan canyons.

The finish line announced its proximity with a deafening roar. Runners grunted, barely audible, as they crossed it. Then, silence, for the first time in 3 hours. 3 minutes and 24 seconds.

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### HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This was the costilest lead of 1995 in the TGR £100 game.

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I think East was correct to force with Two Spades over North's One Heart. His bid of Five Hearts over North's Five

Diamonds was a circ-bid. West's double of Six Diamonds was the "par" decision in a theoretical sort of way, in that East-West are off two aces in Six Spades and Six Diamonds should go down. Also West only had three-card trump support and a minimum hand, so from his point of view it looked right to double to warn his mariner.

Perhaps East should not have but Six Spades over West's double of Six Diamends, but East prightly as it turned out) was nervous of there being an academ against Six Diamonds. When South couldn't double Six

Spades, North reasonably saved" in Seven Diamonds. Now what should West lead? Although the opponents are apparently sacrificing, this isn't the moment for a trump lead - the danger with that is that South might get the hearts going. So West must go for the "cash-out" defence. It looks from East's removal of West's double of Six Diamonds that East has great length in spades. Thus it seems to me that a dub is indicated - that is the suit in which an ace is most likely to stand up. West's actual choice of the ace of spades cost 2,280

— South established the hearts and made the grand slam. Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday. WOLD MY CHAR

#### By Philip Howard

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Answers on page 44



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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

#### Shirov slaughter

The Fontys tournament in Tilburg was responsible for the creation of a large number of outstandingly beautiful games, many of which have already been published in this column. One of the most dramatic was the game today, in which the Latvian grandmaster Alexei Shirov demolishes the world's highest

ranked female grandmaster. Shirov's play blended erudi-tion and violence in pleasing measure. His sacrifice of a knight on move 13 was clearly advance preparation. This caused a weakening of Black's king's defences and Shirov exploited this to land a se-quence of devastating tactical

White: Alexei Shirov Black: Judith Polgar

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#### Toulouse international Three British players compet-

ment in Toulouse. Full results were as follows: Marciano 7 out of 9; Lepelletier 6½; Flear and Hamdouchi 5; Mitkov 4½: Dumnington and Eliet 4; Touzane 3½: Bricard 3; Kins-

#### Times book

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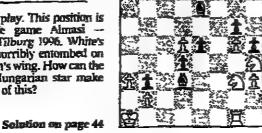
□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### MINIMING MORE

By Raymond Keene

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Black to play. This position is from the game Almasi -Polear, Tilburg 1996, White's king is horribly entombed on the queen's wing. How can the young Hungarian star make the most of this?





Rocky films.

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In training: serious runners will do an average of ten miles a day

### Preparing for the big day

YOU don't think you can run a mara-thon? You'd rather mow the whole of Hyde Park or give Buckingham Palace a new lick of paint? Well, the secret to marathon running is the training and preparation. If you can find the necessary discipline you will be able to run a marathon as if it had been programmed into your chromosomes. Unlike football or tennis, there isn't much that can go wrong on the day. Everyone can run, all you have to do is equip yourself for putting one foot in front of the other approximately 50,000 times without

stopping.
Start by jogging slowly for as long as you feel comfortable. Forget training schedules for the moment, the marathon is still a month away and you should first learn to enjoy running because you will be doing a lot of it. The key to marathon training at the more advanced stage is very simple it's all about mileage. Serious runners will do an average of ten

miles a day but first-time marathoners should stick to 20-30 miles a week. You may want to begin with lots of short runs but ideally your body should get used to covering longer and longer distances. In between these longer runs your body will need at least one, but more likely two or three days rest.

A popular training schedule in the weeks before the marathon is to do a long run on the weekend and two shorter ones during the week. Some marathon run-ners also like to do interval training where you "sprint" for three to six minutes, then rest for the same period and repeal this up to ten times. Another version of this is to run up a hill and jog back down several times.

Whatever you do. don't try to run 26 miles in one go during your training. The necessary recovery phase would slow your training down too much. Plus. you'll want to preserve your suspense till

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The agony ... and the ecstasy

### Queen's Bench Divisional Court

### Court powerless to overturn judge Investigating foreign fraud claim

Ex parte Austintel Ltd Before Lord Justice Morritt, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice

[Judgment October 31] A judge's refusal to allow a company to inspect and make multiple searches of the records of insolvency proceedings was final

and the Court of Appeal had no iurisdiction to consider a renewed application under Order 59, rule 14(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court nor could it grant leave to appeal against that decision. The Insolvency Rules Committee should consider the practical and policy questions which had arisen concerning multiple searches of the records of insol-

vency proceedings following the imputerisation of court records. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an application by Austintel Ltd under Order 59, rule 14(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court for leave to inspect and make multiple searches pursuant to rule 7.28 of the Insolvency Rules (\$1 1986 No 1925) of the records of insolvency

proceedings at the Liverpool Dis-trict Registry. Mr Justice Jonathan Parker, Palatine of Lancaster, refused an application to inspect pursuant to rule 7.28(2) on the ground that Austiniel's purpose of abstracting the entirety of the information in order to make it available to its subscribers was not a proper purpose (The Times May 21, 1496;

[1996] I W.LR [29]].
Rule 7.28 provides: "(I) Subject as follows, the court's records of insolvency proceedings shall be open to inspection by any person.

(2) If in the case of a person

applying to inspect the records the registrar is not satisfied as to the propriety of the purpose for which inspection is required, he may refuse to allow it. The person may then apply forthwith and ex parte inspection, or allow it on such

Mr Justin Rushbrooke for Austintel: Mr Richard Snowden for the Society of Practitioners of

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that the first point was whether in the light of rule 7.28(3) of the 1986 Rules, the Court of

Appeal had any jurisdiction to

entertain the application. Section 18(1)(c) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 provided that no appeal lay to the Court of Appeal from any decision of the High Court or any other court which "by virtue of any provision (however expressed) of this or any other Act.

Austintel contended that section 18 did not preclude the court from considering its application because the provision was not contained in an Act but in subordinate legisla tion with the consequence that section 18(1)(c) did not apply and because it was applying, not appealing to the court as permitted by Order 59, rule 14(3).

His Lordship was quite unable to accept those submissions. The legal force and effect of subordi nate legislation such as the 1486 Rules was derived from the primary legislation which authorised it. Thus the legal force and effect of the legal force and effect of rule 7.28(3) stemmed from the

His Lordship could see no reason why the reference in section 18(1)(c) of the 1981 Act to "any provision (however expressed of ... any other Act" should not extend to provisions in subord nate legislation authorised by that physically contained in it.

it was plain from the context that the applications to the Court of Appeal envisaged in Order 59, rule 4 were those incidental to some substantive appeal whether past.

pending or prospective.

Rule 14(3) could not have the effect of giving to the Court of Appeal jurisdiction to entertain an

#### Deciding green rights their application to quash the

Council. Ex parte Steed and

The failure to register a town green under section 1(2)(u) of the Com-mons Registration Act 1965 did not have the effect of extinguishing any existing customary rights over the land which could be proved in

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Schiemann) so stated on July 11 in dismissing an appeal by the applicants, David and Colin Steed, against a decision of Mr Justice Carnwath to dismiss

refusal of Suffolk County Council to register the Peoples Park, Sud-

bury as a town green. LORD JUSTICE PILL said that he had come to that conclusion having regard to the nature of customary rights as explained in Hammerton v Honcy ((1876) 24 WR 603). The unregistered green as registered land would be, but it might still be proved in evidence to

However, on the facts the ap-plicants had failed to establish that such rights had existed.

same relief was excluded by section (S(l)(c). In those circumstances, his Lordship considered that the court had no jurisdiction to ntertain the application.

His Lordship expressed no view on the application's merits. One maner had become clear though. That related to whether the 1986 Rules sufficiently took account of advances in information

The rules appeared to be drafted on the supposition that the records of insolvency proceedings required by rule 7.27 were contained in a large book which the person referred to in rule 7.28(1) asked a court clerk to produce for his inspection. Thus, it was assumed, the information obtainable was timited in practice to what the individual to whom it was produced could abstract while he had

But that might not take sufficient account of the fact that the court records were being computerised and the facilities available to the earcher enabled him to match information in those records with the customer list of his clients. That was a topic to interest the Insolvency Rules Committee.

LORD JUSTICE WARD. concurring, said that as the prob-lems raised in argument seemed unlikely simply to go away and since the most energetic of rules committees was unlikely to be able to legislate quickly enough alleviate them, he ventured to express some views, obiter and

tentative though they might be.
The question was whether a search of the register of winding-up petitions made for creditcontrol purposes was tainted with impropriety. What had to be improper was the purpose of the search. His Lordship could not see purposes was to search for an

improper purpose.

What if the search was conducted with a further purpose in mind. namely to support any perition which he might discover had been filed, in order to gain the event that the debt of the petitioning creditor was satisfied? His Lordship did not see that as a commercially improper step.

It was said that it was of fundamental importance that all creditors stood on equal footing and that one should not gain an advantage over another. But the register was open to all and so the playing field did not cease to be level simply because some of the players did not know how to play If an individual creditor could

legitimately make a search of the register in respect of one of his debtors, he could properly inquire about all of them. If he could do it himself, he could do it through an

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Mr Justice Jonathan Parket had found that the purpose for which the register was predominantly that of abstracting the entirety of the information entered on the register and making such information available to its customers and

subscribers on commercial terms. He had held that the carrying into effect of the purpose resulte and was intended to result, in Austimel maintaining what was for all practical purposes a dupli case of the register maintained by the court, but with the difference tained by the court was subject to the court's power to control inspection conferred by rule 7.28(2), the duplicate register was outside the rules and thus outside the control

Austintel required inspection of the register to make a copy of it so that they could inform their clients, whether the customers' names appeared. In order that they might take whatever commercial action they considered to be appropriate in the light thereof. His Lordship did not regard the purpose of the commercial exploitation of the information in that way to be

found to smack of impropriety was the consequence of their achieving their purpose, namely their having control over the whole of the information on the register when. by the rules, the court was the only arbiter of when, how and to whom the records were to be disclosed. His Lordship was not sure that eliding of purpose and consequence was a correct application of rule 7.28(2) which entitled the court to refuse to allow inspection only if it was "not satisfied as to the

propriety of the purpose for which inspection is required."

The court should not abdicate responsibility for keeping control of the inspection is required. of the information on its register vever, the purpose for which the information was sought was legitimate, that is, collecting it as agent for onward transmiss the cilent only in respect of their named customers, and if the court could be satisfied that no use vould be made of the other information, then the interests of the applicant and the court could be reconciled.

if terms were exacted to allow the applicant to do as much as but no more than an Individual could do in respect of one or more named debtors, then his Lordship did not see why the practice should be curtailed, at least before the Insolvency Rules Committee had had opportunity to consult and decide. Lord Justice Potter gave a concurring judgment.

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Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another, Ex parte Fininvest SpA and Others Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Gage

Judgment October 23 Letters of request from the Italian authorities seeking assistance in obtaining documents relating to the alleged commission of an international fraud but not specifically identifying any particular transaction or activity, had not been wrongly referred to the Serious Fraud Office nor wrongly implemented by them. The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held when dismissing an application by Fininvest SpA, a large Italian corporation with interests in advertising, publishing and broadcasting. Mr Confalonieri, Fininvest's president and Mr. Berlusconi, a former president of the corporation, its principal shareholder and, inter alia, from March to December 1994, Prime Minister of Italy, for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to refer a request for assistance from the Italian authorities to the Director of the SPO under section 4 of the Criminal Justice (International Co-opera-

tion) Act 1990. The Home Secretary received from the Italian public prosecutor letters of request under the pro-visions of the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1989, im-plemented in the United Kingdom by the 1990 Act. By that letter the by the 1990 Act by at teast of a sistance in obtaining documents held by a company in London which were relevant to allegations in Italy against the applicants of a massive

against one of the applicants who, it was alleged, had made illicit donations to a former prime minister. Such donations were illicit because they were made without authority of the corporation and without records and Imilan law required transparency of political payments.

The request was referred by the Home Secretary to the SFO under mented the request under their powers in the Criminal Justice Act 1987 by seeking, obtaining and executing a search war-rant in respect of the company. Documents were seized and examined by representatives of the Italian authorities.

Miss Clare Montgomery, QC. Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Julian Knowles for the aplicants, Mr James Turner for the Home Secretary; Mr Andrew Radcliffe for the Serious Fraud Office as an interested party.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the primary challenge related to the decision to refer the request to the SFO as the request could not properly be regarded as one for the assistance obtaining evidence" (section 4 of the 1990 Acts but was rather a

shing expedition.
It was further submitted that the Home Secretary was bound to consider whether or not the request concerned a political offer within the meaning of article 2(a) of the 1959 Convention and that had he done so in the light of were duty bound, but had failed, to provide he would have concluded that it did and that would have provided him with a specific fiscretion to refuse assitano

The applicant submitted that vidence" had an established meaning in the context of mutual assistance and that was direct evidence for use at a trial as contrasted with information which might lead to the discovery of evidence: see Rio Tinto Zinc Corp Westinghouse Electric Corp ([1978]

His Lordship accepted the respondent's submission that what was meant by "evidence" in the ent context was not identical to established meaning in the

Vestinghouse case.
Provision had been made by the 1990 Act for obtaining evidence in connection with a criminal investigation providing only that the Home Secretary was satisfied that the investigation into a particular offence was being carried on and grounds for suspecting that it had

When one spoke of "evidence" in the context of a criminal investigation, the permissible area of search had inevitably to be wider than

plete. In short, the 1990 Act created a wholly new scheme for munual assistance with regard to criminal investigations under which it would plainly be necessary to than would ultimately constitute

evidence at any trial. That considertion of itself was ufficient to defeat the applicants' contention. What was under investigation was a wide ranging, multi-facted, international fraud involving far-reaching allegations against a large number of individuals in connection with an even larger group of companies.

Considering that it was at ar considering that it was it an investigative stage, one could hardly have looked for greater particularisation for the offences than was contained in the letters of request. The request for assistance was not vague and speculative but as precise and focused as such a request could appetitly have been request could sensibly have been in the circumstances.

On the political issue, his Lord-ship rejected the respondent's contention that the Home Sec-retary was not bound to consider whether the offence was connected with a political language to do so append with a political one; to do so would plainly be to overlook a material consideration.

That was not to say, however, that the Home Secretary was bound to reach a decision as to whether or not the offences were. connected with political offences he could have decided that

not in any event exercise his discretion to refuse to cooperate with the Italian authorities. In his Lordship's judgment.

whether or not an offence was political was to be determined according to English law, Having considered the relevant case law his Lordship said, rejecting the applicants' submission, that the making of illegal political donations was merely an offence against the ordinary law enacted for the proper ordering of the democratic process in Italy and although it was, therefore, an offence committed in a political context that did not make it a

political offence. While his Lordship accepted that the inference to be drawn from the basic facts of the case was that the offence was committed to influence government policy, his Lordship did not accept that any offence committed with a view to inducing a change in government policy was ipso facto to be regarded as a

In the present case the offence was not intrinsically political and was not made so because the offender hoped to change policy by beying political influence nor because the Italian judiciary by prosecuting him hoped to clea politics. The application would be

Mr Justice Gage agreed. Solicitors: Peters & Peters: Trea

#### No costs power

Borough Council. Ex parte

Martin The High Court had no jurisdic tion to entertain an application

against legal representatives for wasted costs pertaining to a puta-tive respondents activities in opposing an application for leave to apply for judicial review. Mr Justice Sedley so held in the

Queen's Bench Division on Octo-ber 25 when refusing the applica-tion of Caraden London Borough Council against the legal repre-sentatives of Margarita Martin subsequent to the withdrawal of her application against the council

Regina v Camden London for fudicial review of its decision not to make renewed offers of council accommodation to her.

HIS LORDSHIP said that there was no power in the court to make a wasted costs order in favour of or, by parity of reasoning, against a person who elected to oppose an ex parte application for leave to apply for judicial review. Such a person was not a party for presen

purposes in regularly hearing and some-times inviting the participation of such persons could not make it otherwise; only legislation or a rule change could make it so.

### Scots Law Report November 11 1996 Outer House

### No cause of action after vasectomy failure

McFarlane v Tayside Health

Before Lord Gill

Budgment September 301 Where a vasectomy was performed upon a man, but his wife neverthenant and gave birth to a healthy and normal child, the hospital was not obliged to pay damages because the conception of the child was not an injury to the wife, because pregnancy and labour, although causing discomfort and pain, were natural processes resulting in a happy outcome and because the financial cost of raising the child was wholly offset by the immeasurable value of the child's existence.

Lord Gill, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, sustaining a plea to the relevancy stated by Tayside Health Board in an action of reparation brought against them by Mr and Mrs George McFarlane and

Mrs Anne Smith, QC, for the pursuers: Mr Colin Campbell, QC,

LORD GILL said that the pursuers averred that the first nursuer had had a vasectomy at one of the defenders' hospitals and that during subsequent tests of his sperm there had been an administrative error at the hospital in consequence of which the pursuers had been erroneously advised that they could dispense with contra-

ceptive precautions.

They did so and the second pursuer had subsequently given birth to a daughter. They sought damages in two categories. The first related to the physical consequences to the second pursuer, namely her pregnancy and labour. The second category related to the financial consequences for both pursuers, namely, the second pursuer's alleged need to give up her job and aliment for the child. The defenders had expressly renounced any argument that the second category of loss was purely

economic or that the pursuers could have mitigated their loss by having the child aborted or placed for adoption: see Emeh v Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster AHA (1985) I QB 1012). His Lordship's decision was confined to the agreed circum-stances that the pregnancy had

been normal and the child was

normal and healthy. His Lordship had surveyed decisions from a number of jurisdicnons, including that of the Supreme Court of Minnesota in Sherlock v Stillwater Clinic ((1977)

it was not apparent why Sherlock should enjoy the status that the English courts seemed to have given it. It was only one of many diverse decisions on the point in the United States. It appeared not to represent the preponderant view there and it had been suggested that it might no longer represent the law even in Minnesota: A. Suwart Damages for the Birth of a Child ((1995) 40 JLSS 298). This was, his Lordship thought,

defenders had taken the position that such an action was fundamentally irrelevant. His Lordship agreed that the question of relevancy could be decided without They had also stated a plea

the first occasion on which the

based on public policy, but on the view that his Lordship took of the primary question, he did not need to base his decision on that

The central problem in every action of the present kind was the court should mark the beathan whatever pain or distress the mother might have suffered in pregnancy and labour and whatever financial outlay both parents might incur, each had received the gift of a child and all of the actual and prospective benefits emo-tional, social and economic, that the child brought to them.

The first category of loss raised the questions of, first, whether the conception, pregnancy and labour constituted injury at all, and second, whether in consequence of the conception, pregnancy and labour, the wife had sustained any

A normal pregnancy occurring could not be equiparated with a physical injury. Pregnancy caused discomfort, pain and sickness. Labour was acusely painful and distressing. But those were natural es resulting in a happy outcome. They were the natura sequelae of conception. That was an event that in the present case could hardly be considered as a

physical injury per se. Even if pregnancy and labour could be regarded as an injury, it was not an injury for which damages should be recoverable. They could not be dissociated from

ell To do so would be to ignore the existence of the child and the happiness that the second pursuer had had and would continue to have from her existence. Those benefits could neither be dis-regarded nor held not to outweigh natural pain and discomformerent in the creation of life. That left the financial losses. The

case law in numerous jurisdictions exemplified three types of solution: I To treat the value of the child as outweighing any cost that the parents might incur.

2 To disregard the value of the child, as being a value of a

different order, and therefore to

allow full recovery, subject only to

considerations of remoteness and the like; and 3 To allow limited recovery, either by offsetting the value of the child's existence against specific heads of claim or by treating that value as necessarily outweighing one or more such heads: see Allen v Bloomsbury HA ([1993] 1 All ER 651); Thake v Maurice ([1986] I QB

The third approach was logically the least satisfactory. As soon as the court recognised that the child's life had a value that should be taken into account, it had to face the implications of assessing that

644): Sherlock.

Any principle of damages that countenanced that value as an offset only, had to be held to affirm that the value of a child's life could be less than the costs involved in rearing him: in short, that his existence was overall a net loss. His Lordship had found no decision in which any clear and logical measure of calculating any

such offset had been formulated.

The fact that the courts routinely assessed a value in claims for the death of a child was not a logical barrier to the courts' concluding in

the value of the child's existence would always exceed any costs that might be incurred in bringing him

Public Health Trust v Brown (1980) 388 So 2d 1084), it had rightly been said that the intarbut all-important, incuiof nerenthood far outweigh any of mere monetary burden

In Cockrum v Baumgartner ((1983) 477 NE 2d 385 III) it had been held: "In a proper hierarchy of values the benefit of life should not be outweighed by the expenses of supporting it. Respect for life and the rights proceeding from it are at the heart of our legal system and, broader still, our civilisation." That principle excluded all claims for patrimonial loss.

The choice had to be between allowing no recovery at all, or allowing recovery in full on the basis that the benefits, being of a different order of value, should simply be left out of account. However, the latter approach

was contrary to the principle that the purpose of damages was to effect restitutio in integrum, so far as money could. That could not be achieved if the parents received the benefits of both the damages and Nor was it a complete answer to

say that the benefits of the child's

existence lay in the world of emotion and were therefore im-measurable, for the child brought the contingent benefit of financial support in later life. In any event, even if that ncy could be disregarded, it would be wrong to disregard the benefits of the child's existence. Counsel for the pursuers had not sought to deny that the existence of the child had brought and would

continue to bring them love, happi-

ness and society. In those circumstances, his Lordship was of the opinion that the case should be decided on the principle that the privilege of being pareni was immeasurable in netary terms; that the benefits of parenthood transcended any patrimonial loss, if it might be so regarded, that the parents might incur in consequence of their child's existence, and that therefore the pursuers could not be said to be

in an overall position of loss.

His Lordship had not followed what he understood to be the present position in English law, nor had he followed the views expressed in Allan v Greater Glasgow Health Board (Outer House, unreported, November 25, Emeh concerned a child who

suffered from congenital abnormalities and could be distinguished. To the extent that his Lordship differed from the ap-proach indicated by Emel, Thake and other English decisions, and by Allan, he did so on the central point as to the value to be placed on

If it had been appropriate or necessary to decide the case on policy grounds his Lordship would have had some sympathy with the argument for the defenders: It was true that the law no longer upheld the sanctity of life as an absolute value. Coursel for the

a case such as the present one that the value of the child's existence in the was official support for the prevention of the birth of un-wanted children.

However, the law had not ? The correct principle was that reached the stage where family the value of a child should be held relationships and the worth of a which it was indifferent. If his Lordship were right, a principle of law that affirmed that the existence of a child could be an actionable

loss to his parents would seem to conflict with those values. Even if that view would not be iniversally shared nowadays. there were more expedient reasons against claims such as the present. Most people would find it un-seemly that a child might later learn not only that his birth was the consequence of negligence, but that his parents had raised an have preferred that he had not

Even if his Lordship was wrong in holding that the entire claim was irrelevant, the claim for the costs of the child's upbringing was in any event irrelevant. Their disallowance avolded the istasteful, and to his Lordships mind ultimately futile, exercise of deciding by how much they were to

be offset by the value of the child's door to a limitless range of claims related to every aspect of family life: for example, a house exten-sion, a larger family car, or private

school fees Allan pointed the way. In that case evidence had been led of the cost of the five-year-old child's. future wedding, but the claim had been excluded on the basis that inter alia, the joy to the plaintiff of seeing her daughter happily married and the prospect of having more grandchildren as well as a son-in-law as additions to the family should extinguish any linancial costs associate with the

That would seem to have been an equally cogent answer to the principal claim. Allan seemed also to have left out of account the fact that the father of the child had refused to pay anything for her

Such cases illustrated that in England damages for the upbring-ing of a child were greater the more affluent and ambitious were the parents. In Thake the claim was upheld on supplementary benefit scales on the view that the child had been horn into "a humble household". In Benarr Kenering Health Board (1988) 138 NLJ 179) private-school fees were

≥wurded Since a claim for costs of upbringing, if admitted was based on actual loss, his Lordship was not persuaded that the contrast in those results could be moderated by the imposition of a principle of reasonableness, as was suggested

If recovery was related at all to the parents' life-styles and aspirations, such contrasts would be inevitable. In his Lordship's view, it was wrong in principle that the parents loss should be considered greater where they themselves would have all the added satisfactions that resulted from the opportunities that their affluence gave to the child

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### BT's top operator on the line

BT: The group will be back in the news again this week, hard on the heels of its £12 billion acquisition of MCI, with the announcement of its second-quarter figures on Thursday. They are unlikely to contain many surprises, with most brokers looking for a drop in pre-tax profits.

NatWest Securities, the broker, has pencilled in a figure of £680 million, This would compare with £732 million for the same time last year. It would correspond with a decrease of 7 per cent in earnings per share to 7.1p.

Once again attention will be focused on the dividend. The group has already forecast dividends for the year of 19.85p. This excludes the special dividend of 35p being paid at the year end, regardless of whether or not the MCI deal goes through.

On the trading front, profits will have been hit by the timing of redundancy costs. However, even after stripping out these effects. the group's performance will be flat. Volume growth of 6 per cent will be offset by price cuts and the loss of market share. Any increase in revenue is likely to come from mobile services, new services, and international activities.

POWERGEN: It is hoped that stronger pool prices and in-creased demand will have gone some way to offset any dilution stemming from the sale of two power stations to Eastern. A drop in pre-tax profits of about 7 per cent to £124 million is envisaged when the group unveils half-year figures on Thursday. Earnings per share in fact, should be marginally ahead at 13.7p after the recent buyback of 10 per cent of its own shares.

The figures will include an exceptional profit of £69 million relating to the sale of its shares in Midlands Electricity and the National Grid after the abortive bid for the former.

Brokers are looking for a rise of ip to 7.5p in the dividend and are confident that the group can sustain growth of 15 per cent a year over the next few years.

BAA: First-half results from the airport operator usually account for the bulk of group profits. Traffic during the period is expected to have grown about 3 per cent, amounting to 29 million passengers. But with a tough pricing policy of RPI-I per cent in



place, revenue growth is likely to have risen only 2 per cent. Half-year figures published later today are likely to show pre-tax profits up from £285 million to £303 million, with earnings per share growing 7 per cent to 22.1p.

The real boost will come from a 9.5 per cent increase in retail income to £324 million after a 6 per cent rise in that income per passenger. Property revenues will be up, but profit from property disposals is likely to fall short of the figure last time.

BRITISH STEEL: A sharp drop in profits is on the cards when the group unveils half-year results this morning. Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, is looking for £275 million at the pre-tax

level, compared with £550 million for the corresponding priod. A lot will depend on the exchange rate reduction in costs. between the pound and the mark. in spite of the current strength of sterling, the period under review

impact on revenues. On a positive note, steel prices in Europe have been edging ahead mainly through reductions in rebates. British Steel appears to be holding prices against the Europeans to protect its profitable domestic market. This will o some way towards offsetting the impact of a stronger pound.

is likely to have seen an adverse

RAILTRACK: Half-year figures on Friday will be the first since the group was privatised in May. As a result, these figures are

unlikely to give an accurate view of the group's progress although they are expected to reflect a

Pre-tax profits are expected to be up from £89 million to between £145 million and £155 million. Revenue growth is likely to be flat, although there will be some improvement in the revenues from passenger franchises.

Earnings growth will be not be as pronounced as profits growth, with UBS, the broker, forecasting a 17 per cent increase to 26p per share. This it attributes to the absence of last year's tax credit.

ALLIED DOMECQ: The group is expected to dismiss suggestions tomorrow, when it unveils fullyear figures, that it plans a

This will be in spite of a disappointing set of figures, reflecting the effect of further restructuring. Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, is believed to

have decided any advantages are outweighed by the cost. Pre-tax profits will be down from £645 million to £566 million with earnings per share showing an even steeper decline from 38.2p to 32.8p. A cut in the payout from 27.6p to 24.1p is in prospect. The spirits division will have struggled to make headway, with a decline in profits of about 13 per cent at the operating level. Retailing should have managed to hold. its head above water.

SOUTH WEST WATER: The City will be anxious to learn about the long-term strategy of the group after its reprieve from the bids of rivals Severn Trent and Wessex, courtesy of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Pre-tax profits are likely to have grown by £14 million to £68 million with the growth in earnings per share about 17 per cent at 47p. A 20 per cent rise in the interim payout to 11.8p has already been forecast by the group. The cost of defending itself from the two bids may have been as high as £4 million.

LAND SECURITIES: A minimal increase in rental income. and a near 10 per cent rise in the net interest charge is likely to result in a small decline in profitability at the halfway stage. Pre-tax profits are expected to be about 5 per cent down at £113 million, with earnings showing a similar decline to 15.9p per share.

COMMERCIAL UNION: A drop in underwriting results should lead to a 10 per cent decline in operating profits to E345 million when third-quarter figures are unveiled on Wednesday. The situation might have been worse had it not been for an improvement in France and a stronger performance from its

GENERAL ACCIDENT: Thirdquarter results tomorrow will have been buffeted by severe weather in North America producing a high number of claims. This will have led to a decline in operating profits from £350 million to £308 million.

### Focus falls on inflation

with the City currently obsessed with the threat of further rate increases, the inflation figures for October, which are released on Thursday, will be the focus of attention this week. A larger than expected upward rise will only increase the pressure on the Chancellor to raise interest rates again

before the election. MMS International, the economic analyst predicts that the RPI headline figure will jump from 21 per cent to 2.5 per cent, while the Government's preferred mea-sure of RPIX — which excludes mortgage repayments — is expected to increase from 2.9 per cent to 3 per cent, well above the target figure of 2.5 per cent.

Factory gate inflation figures, which are published today, will also be scrutinised carefully to see if there are any signs of output price inflation, which has been relatively subdued in recent months, feeding through to the high street. MMS predicts a monthly rise of 0.2 per cent to take the annual rate up slightly to 23 per

An increase in earnings growth and unit wage costs data, which is published on Wednesday, would also suggest inflationary pressures are growing. MMS predicts that average earnings for September will fall slightly to 3.75 per cent, while unit wages will rise from 4.5 per cent to 4.8 per cent. cent. Also on Wednesday, unemployment figures are expected to show a continuing downward trend, with a fall of 20,000 predicted in October.

In the US, inflation has been proving less of an immediate threat and consumer price inflation figures published on Thursday are expected to remain flat for October at 0.3 per cent. Retail sales figures, also released on Thursday, are expected to show a gain to 0.7 per cent, although October production figures, published tomorrow, are predicted to show a small fall — excluding food and energy category - to 0.1 per cent growth. With last week's elections preserving the status quo, the market believes that the Federal Reserve Bank is unlikely to take any immediate action when it holds its monetary meeting on Wednesday.

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### Fund chiefs wary of Japanese stocks

UK FUND managers are becoming increasingly wary of investing in Japanese stocks, according to a survey conducted by Merrill Lynch and Gallup (Alasdair Murray writes).

Merrill found that bulls exceeded

bears among fund managers by 9 per cent in November compared with 23 per cent in October. As a result, buyers only just outnumbered sellers. Merrill said

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this was the closest UK-based managers have been to selling Japan since 1992. The survey also found that negative

sentiment among fund managers had spread to Pacific Basin equities after interest rate rises in the regions. UK fund managers are now net sellers of Pacific Basin equities, which include Hong Kong, for only the second time since 1990. Attitudes toward US equities have

been improving with the number of sellers now only just outweighing buyers after a heavy sell-off in the past few months. Fund managers also remain strong buyers of European stocks and are

Gallup interviewed senior managers from 74 institutions, handling funds totalling £1,775 billion, for the survey.

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### **Future of Thomson** tour arm on hold until MMC reports

PLANS to float or sell off Thomson Holidays, Britain's urgest tour operator, are likely to be put on hold for at least a year until the outcome of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry is

The holiday company's parent. The Thomson Corporation, of Canada, has looked at hiving off its tour operating business in order to concentrate on building up its media

Although the sale has been widely rumoured in the City, brokers believe that the uncertainty that is surrounding the investigation will scupper any move for the next 12

Thomson and Airtours, its rival, control between them 50 per cent of the £7 billion overseas package holiday market in the UK, and were referred on Thursday to the MMC for alleged anti-com-

petitive practices. The referral followed an

investigation, which has lasted more than a year, by the Office of Fair Trading into vertical integration - the owning by a few giant com-panies of their own tour operators, travel agencies and

Bruce Jones, leisure analyst with Merrill Lynch, said: The uncertainty surrounding the poration is now less likely to make any decision on the holiday division in the near

Meanwhile, it has emerged that the real sticking point between the OFT and the holiday companies was over commission and brochure racking, and not over displaying signs in travel agents explaining vertical integration

Both companies would have greed to make the relationship between their shops and tour operations clearer, but steadfastly refused to give in to

rates that they charge and the prominence that they give to their own holiday brochures in travel shops.

One industry source said: The two companies were not nterfere with how they ran their businesses on a day-today level.

Since the MMC is not likely to report for 12 months, Thornson and Airtours's winter '96

Merrill Lynch is forecasting full-year pre-tax profit of £80 million, compared with £59 million last year, when Airtours reports next month, and £17 million, compared with £L3 million last year, for First Choice.

Airtours shares recovered 184 p to 670p by the close of business on Friday having fallen 595p after the referral. The City was comforted by the



Ha'penny Bridge will continue to feature on the itinerary of many visitors to Dublin

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### Ireland unites on tourist drive

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

IRELAND will this morning be repackaged as a tourist destination, with the authorities on both sides of the border combining to launch a sophisticated marketing exercise to

The multimillion-pound campaign - being unveiled over a traditional Irish fried breakfast in Dublin - is expected to give a further boost to an already thriving the Republic alone attracted more than four million people, who spent some Ir£1.3 billion.

The cross-border marketing venture to reposition Ireland as a tourist destination is the brainchild of Noel Toolan, an Irishman who began his marketing career with Procter & Gamble and went on to help to fashion the hugely successful

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Cream. Less than two years ago Bord Failte, the Irish tourist board, lured him back to Dublin and told him to forge a new image for the tourist board is a co-player in the campaign.

Mr Toolan and his team have kept the details of the marketing drive under wraps. paign say that it could become a model for tourist authorities elsewhere.

The groundwork was done by research groups who spent 18 months carrying out detailed surveys around the Ireland. Many still cling to a 1950s notion of Ireland, replete with turf-laden donkeys on isolated Connemara bogs, and family outings to the hayfield

#### **Institutions** stabilise the market

BY FRASER NELSON

INSTITUTIONAL investors are stabilising the Alternative Investment Market, according to traders at Winterflood Securities, the junior exchange's principal market-

Stephen Roberts, one of the stockbroker's AIM dealers, says institutional demand for AIM stocks has increased steadily over recent months. This, he says, is smoothing the violent price jerks that have become the market's unwelcome trademark.

Also, the money raised by new AIM issues broke through the £800 million barrier this week, after Beaufort, a management consultancy, raised £595,000 from placing its shares at 3p. They now stand at 4p. Electronic Retail Systems, which makes digital supermarket shelf price tags. closed 7p up on the week, at gave further hope that its product could catch on worldwide.

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Brockbank closed 50p easier at 470p, after rumours of a boardroom split. The phoenixlike recovery of Memory Corp's shares was halted mideck, as profit-taking forced them 175p cheaper at 725p. Network Technology was 31:p better, at 160's p. in anticipation of good results this week. The company has developed devices that allow fax data to

be sent via the internet. The FT-SE AIM index eased by 5.3 points over the week, closing at 1.019.70.

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### Getty strikes it rich in photograph library

GETTY Communications, the oned that only two million out fast growing media group headed by a member of the famous Getty family, whose wealth was founded on oil, has uncovered a store of 50,000 photographs hidden away in the archive of the former BBC picture library. Hulton Deutsch, which it bought for just EE,6 million earlier this year.

The library, called Fox Com-mercial Photos, had not been exploited by Hulton. It includes such famous photographs as the young Damon Hill in a soy car, watched by his father, Graham, and shots of Neville Chamberlain on his return from Munich brandishing the (amous letter "signed by Herr" Hitler" and of St Paul's Cathe-

Geny, which is headed by Mark Cietty, is now selling these photographs for comuse charging up to £2,000 a time for reprinting.

Junathan Klein, the former merchant hanker who is Mr Getty's partner in the UKhased but Nasdaq-listed company, said that the Fox Liimary held a large collection of highly commercial stock footage. The Fox collection has the advantage of the people in the ohuses having signed release forms waiving their rights over reprint payments. This means the photos can be used many times without us being chased by models demanding large payments," he said.

Cietty is in the midst of omducting an audit of the 12 million photos in the Hulton collection, now renamed Hulton Getty. The library is made up of more than 300 individual collections of photos, many of which had never been fully catalogued. Mr Klein said that he reck-

of the collection would be usable for commerical exploitation, and the company is in the process of digitising the images so that they can be distributed more easily. This is a slow process; about 80,000 pictures have been digitised so far, with a target of

250,000 by this time next year. The remaining photographs include many of historic or aesthetic interest, and Getty is close to agreeing a joint venture to open a London gallery that will host a permanent exhibition and sell individual reprints of photographs.

Other galleries will opened across the UK and in the US, Europe and Japan. Getty is also expected to mount a major exhibition of Hulton pictures in the next YEAR OF SO.



Neville Chamberlain, asset of Getty Communications

### Hinchliffe sells soccer stake

By Jason Nisse

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE. where collapsed Facia empire is being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office, has sold his shares in Sheffield United mothall club, the Nationwide league first division team, for El million.

The deal paves the way for a reverse takeover of the club by Cunrad, the leisure group. which will value it at about £10 The intention is also to raise

another (10 million to turn

United's stadium, at Bramball

Lane, into a 40,000-seat ground and to develop a 17acre site around the stadium. The shares have been purchased by Mike McDonald. the Manchester businessman who became chairman of the club last year, after a complex three way deal involving the adminstrators of part of the Facia empire. Price Waterhouse, the ac-

countancy firm that is in control of the shoe businesses owned by Mr Hinchliffe, is suing the controversial Shelfield businessman for more than £30 million and has taken out an injunction freezing his assets.

The accountancy firm had to give its approval to the sale of the shares and it is believed that the money paid by Mr McDonald is going into a separate account until the legal issues have been

Mr Hinchliffe's holding in the club had been a blocking issue to the deal because of the impending actions being brought by the Department of Trade and Industry to have him disqualified as a director. These relate to companies that he ran and which collapsed

three years 2go. Until recently, Mr Hinchliffe was deputy chairman of United, but he stepped down from that post earlier this year, resigning from the board in the summer.

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#### NAPF call to target employers

BY ROBERT MILLER

BRITAIN'S largest company pension schemes are political parties to do more to encourage employers to offer retirement provision at a top-level London conference tomorrow.

Tom Ross, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). whose members manage more than £350 billion of pension assets, is to urge both John Denham, the Shadow Social Security Minister. and Lord Mackay of Ardbreknish, the Social Security Minister, to help to stop the decline panies offering pensions to their employers when MPs attend the one-day NAPF autumn conference.

Between tomorrow's conference and the NAPF's annual get-together in Harrogate next year there will have been a general election and the come into full force. Mr Ross said that, with both political parties now committed to the view that people will have to make re personal provision for their retirement, the NAPF and its members have a vital role to play.

Other speakers at tomorrow's conference include John Hayes, the chairman of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority, the new statutory sions watchdog.

### Rachel Bridge looks at a bold expansion plan Down Under

### Gas partners aim for the super-league

biggest resource project looks more like something out of a

processing gas.
Situated at the extreme far edge of the Western Australian outback, the huge glinting steel pipe structures cut a surreal pose against the red earth and the blue sky. Soon it could look even

stranger. For more than 15 years after the idea was first dreamt up, the North West shelf project, in which BP has a one sixth share, is finally about to enter the international super-league with an expansion plan to turn it into one of the world's leading players in liquefied natural gas (LGN).

The project's six equal part-ners, which include Shell, Chevron, Woodside Petro-leum. BHP and Japan Australia LNG, have invested about A\$12 billion in the venture and the expansion will require them to provide another A\$1 billion apiece. Expansion of the project would add two new LNG processing trains to its existing three trains, a move that would almost double annual production to 14.5 mil-

lion tonnes.
It is a bold move, especially

began in 1984 the project has suffered several expensive setbacks, notably when the legs of its North Rankin oil platform sank into the seabed. More seriously, a sustained fall in the price of oil — and therefore LNG — has resulted in much lower than expected returns for the partners, with returns averaging around 5 per cent in the early Nineties.

There are, however, good reasons to press on. The project is supported by eight key the Toyko Electric Power Company, Toyko Gas Company, and Osaka Gas Company, which buy most of the current LNG production and will take up most of the expanded output under 20-year contracts. Then there is the lure of the fast growing South-East Asian market, where liquefied natural gas is in much demand.

present forecasts demand is tipped to soar from 50 million tonnes at present to up to 90 million tonnes by the year 2003, with Japan expected to be joined by Korea. Taiwan and even China as buyers. Woodside Petroleum, the project operator, said: "All being the preferred fuel for the

power generation." Mario Traviati, oil analyst at James Capel, added: "There is a window for a new LNG project to service Asia and it is a lot easier and cheaper to expand projects that are al-ready in operation."

For Australia the magic of LNG is that, unlike gas in its natural state, supply is not constrained by the ability to build a pipeline. Once the gas is cooled to minus 161 degrees celsius it reduces to one sixume and can be transported by ship. At its destination, it is simply reheated to turn it back into gas.

The North West shelf project itself is also looking a

lot healthier. Total sales revenues of pipeline gas to the domestic market and LNG to the export markets are expected to reach A\$3 billion this ear. Gordon Ramsay, ANZ McCaughan oil analyst, says there has been a big improve-ment in efficiency that has seen the plant's capacity creep up from six million tonnes to 7.5 million tonnes with million tonnes without major alterations. He said: time, this project will stand out globally as being one of the most efficent. It is starting to bear the fruit of



The project's giant glinting steel pipe structures present a surreal pose against the red earth and the blue sky

doing very well. There is a lot

With all six partners committed to the expansion of the project — and with Woodside's recent confirmation that there are enough gas reserves to satisfy the future demands of

- all that is needed now for is for those eight to sign on the.

So far the signs are extremepositive. Earlier this year the Japanese unlities signed a letter of indication and last month the project partners submitted a formal proposal indicating that the project had

reserves of about 35 trillion cubic feet of gas.

There is, however, one big issue to be resolved by the North West shelf partners.

the as yet undeveloped nearby Gorgon oilfield, in which some, but not all of them have

Chevron, which has a stake in both, has made no secret of its desire to join the two to form a huge resources venture, even suggesting recently that the Shelf's A\$6 billion expansion proposal should be replaced by A\$10 million codevelopment plan that would

add three new processing

eral manager for the Gorgon project, said: "There is a big enough prize out there for both of the venturers. All that needs to be resolved is the money issue."

keen on the idea and Shell in particular, which also has a stake in both projects, has been publicly unenthusiastic about letting Mobil, its major international competitor Gargon, into the shelf LNG

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Crest, the City's automated share settlement system, have left stockbrokers waiting up to 12 working days for payment on trades that should have been settled within five

Last Thursday, the Associ-ation of Private Client Investment Managers & Stockbrokers (Apcims) met Crest representatives to try to reduce the pressure on brokers caused by electronic settlement delays.

The head of one stockbroking firm complained that, in two cases, the money for a sale made on October 21 was only transferred on November 6 - a wait of 12 working days. Two other trades took ten days.

The standard settlement perind is five days, known as T+5. Stockbrokers will generally pay the client their money within this period, even if they have not received it themselves.

But Crestoo says that, although it is not entirely blameless, late settlements are generally the fault of stockbrokers failing to use the system properly. Paul Symons, a spokesman, said: They are almost entirely due to education and system problems in the brokers' offices,"

One difficulty stems from brokers having to contact Crest

### **Small firms** miss out on export possibilities

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDESTRIAL CONCESSION DENT

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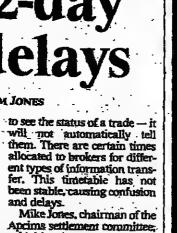
missing export opportunities through lack of awareness of the anistance available or undesutilisation of that support. Out of 3.0 million small and (A),000 regularly export their goods, according to a report published inday by the Con-federation of British Industry. The survey found that many

inexperienced exporters did not know about some schemes to help exporting and that seawined exparters felt there was a lack of advice to improve perfermance oversens. But the study puts some of

the blame on organisers of support services, such as busimos link partnerships and the Covernment, because of inflexibility. It says that needs change with experience of experting, but that support proemiate between varying needs.

Tomy Bunner, chairman of the CBI's small and medium enterprises council, said: "We need to create an environment in which SMEs automatically consider exporting as an inte-

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said this was making it impossible for brokers to automate their messages to Crest. "Our systems are programmed to expect certain events. At the

moment, we are having to trigger everything manually." Pershing Securities, a clearing broker that deals with Crest on behalf of smaller stockbrokers, has been experiencing serious difficulties with delays on getting replies from messages to Crest. It has had to reprogram software, blaming Crest's insufficient capacity, after delays increased

rapidly at the end of October. But Creston denied that capacity was the problem, saying background software were the cause. They should be ironed out in the

At last week's meeting, it was accepted on both sides that a stable timetable for brokers to send messages to the system was a priority. Other Aprims recommendstions include that Crestco

should consider keeping the system open at weekends.
While the delays pur enormous pressures on the back offices of speckbroking firms. clients are generally unaffected, said Finola Healy, of Pro-Share, the body that lobbles

for wider share ownership.

Cress now handles 571 securities. Many stocks are still to be transferred, including demutualised insurers and building societies, which have huge shareholder bases. Crestoo last week delayed the introduction of about 121 FT-SE 100 stocks to give the system breathing space. But there are flary that the intro-



Antonio Carluccio, right, the television chef, with Michael Norris, the chief executive of Hewitts Farm who will become a paper millionaire

#### Greycoat rejects approach

BY MARTIN WALLER

GREYCOAT, the property company under attack from rebel shareholders, has rejected an informal approach from another property business, Moorfield Estates.

Michael Beckett, chairman of Greycoat, said last night that his company had no plans to take the outline proposal from Moorfield any further.

Greycoat is being urged by UK Active Value Fund, the shareholder pressure group with II per cent of the company, to liquidate its £500 million property portfolio. Moorfield, a fast grow-

ing but smaller business, has been attracted to the situation and has made outline takeover proposals of its own. Mr Beckett said that liks with Moorfield

would not be continued because the proposals were vague as to value" and did

### 'Pick-your-own' farm to market

GOURMET mushrooms are coming to the market through the flotation of Hewitts Farm, which is raising £1.35 million in a bid to upgrade its farm to mass-production capacity.

The company will be valued at £4 million when it joins the Ofex market, making Michael Nortis, its chief executive, into a paper millionaire. He owns a 25 per cent stake.

The company started as a "pick-your-own" farm in Kent, which now runs at over 77 acres. With the money raised, it plans to produce over 39 tonnes per year.
It joins a stream of other

new issues. Parkwood Holdings, which provides a range of facilities for local governments, is hoping to raise up to £6 million when it floats on the main exchange next month, It has been servicing various government contracts for seven years and wider facilities management in the private Sector.

Crown Lesiure, the gaming machine operator, is expected to be valued at up to £20 million when it joins the official list next month. It hopes to raise up to £7 million.

which will be used to reduce gearing and buy more fruit machines and video games. Sanctury Music Produc-tions, which jointly owns

record labels and other management facilities for the music industry, has also applied to join the Alternative Investment Market.

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### France to investigate Crazy George's 'sales'

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

FRANCE is to launch an inquiry into Crazy George's -the rent-to-own store owned by Thorn - only days after the first French store opened in

Jean Arthuis, Finance Minister, said yesterday that he had asked the official consumer watchdog to investigate whether Crazy George's complies with consumer protec-

M Arthuis gave warning deemed guilty of using misleading advertising by describing deals on its goods as "sales" when in reality the store is offering reatal contracts with a purchase option.

The opening of Crazy George's has been greeted with a storm of criticism in France with political leaders and charities criticising Thorn for "exploiting poverty". The blow to Thorn which has been trumpeting France as a big such as Crazy George's.

### Capital Radio poised to buy restaurant firm

tive of Capital, has made no CAPITAL RADIO is expected secret of its wish to grow into to join the restaurant trade tomorrow with the £50 million purchase of My Kinda Town, which owns brands such as the Chicago Pizza Pie ital's brand among the radio

Factory and Henry J Beans. Capital, which owns radio licences in Birmingham, London and southern England, has already teamed up with My Kinda Town to develop a 300-seat music-theme "Radio Cafe" due to open in London Richard Eyre, chief execu- 20 per cent, to £30 million.

broader leisure business. The My Kinda Town link is seen as a way to promote Cap-

> station's core young audience. My Kinda Town operates 53 restaurants, mainly in London. Its shares stand at 167p. valuing it at £42 million. Capitai has a market value of £435 million and is cash positive. Capital is expected tomorrow

#### Discounting blamed for slow growth

Heavy price discounting is hitting the profits and sales growth of UK companies, according to a survey from Trade Indemnity, the credit

insurance company.

The company's policyholders said that tight competitive conditions had persisted in the third quarter of the year. The average amount of long overdue debt reported by its members hit record highs of £228,000 over the quarter, with France overtaking Italy as the worst country for seri-

ous late payment.

Companies from Yorkshire and Humberside reported the strongest activity growth, and those in Northen Ireland reported growth in spite of the renewed troubles. The survey concluded that there is widespread expectation of an improvement in the last three months of the year.

#### LSE looks at privacy

Privacy and the cross-selling of products after the recent link-ups between Tesco and NatWest and J Sainsbury and the Bank of Scotland is expected to be a key issue at a London conference today organised by the computer security research arm of the London School of Economics.

James Backhouse, the director of the LSE's computer security department which has organised The Limits of Outsourcing conference, says people are concerned that personal information about their spending habits and lifestyle is being collated and used as a sales aid.

#### BAA prepared

BAA, which announces interim results today, has established a tax-free retail business, World Duty Free, to take over various contracts at British airports currently held by Nuance, formerly Aliders International, that come to an end next year. BAA has 5 per cent of the world duty and taxfree retailing market, worth \$20 billion a year. Companies, page 42

**BP** success

BP Chemicals, part of British Petroleum, has been named by the Oman Government as partner in a \$900 million petrochemicals complex. The

### Allied Domecq chief set to dash City's demerger hopes



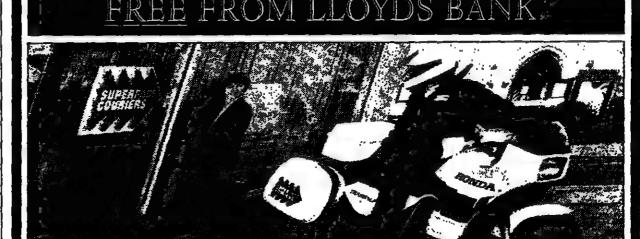
ALLIED DOMECQ, the drinks

and retailing group, is set to disappoint the City tomorrow by dismissing plans to demerge the twin parts of the business. Speculation to that end has, for most of this year, supported the Allied share price, which ended last week near a five-month high, at 484'20.
The speculation was boosted

coinciding with Allied's interim results, is expected to send the shares lower again. It is believed that, after a review of the business. Sir Christopher has concluded that demerger would be too costly to justify in relation to possible return.

No explicit rejection of demerger proposals is expected, but Sir Christopher will make by the appointment in the spring of Sir Christopher Hogg as clear that Allied plans to conchairman. Sir Christopher had tinue to develop its spirits and retail activities in tandem. been responsible for the earlier demerger of Courtaulds, the

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The first two factors helping indexed bonds are connected with the sector's status as a "safe haven" from inflationary pressures, which undermine real yields in conventional bonds. The first is the current acceleration of inflation (partly caused by higher oil prices), which we see as only temporary. The Bank of England, in last week's Inflation Report, gave warning that inflation could rise above 3 per cent in the next month or two this is true - the underlying rate (excluding mortgages) is likely to hit 3 per cent this week, and hover around this level for the first quarter of 1997. Thereafter, we believe, sterling's contin-ued strength will help to reduce

### Being conventional is the best bet once election is over

inflation through the rest of 1997. We disagree with the Bank's forecast that sterling's strength is only temporary; apart from a reasonably firm inflationary policy under a Labour government, overseas funds will continue to support the pound after the election, through increasing EMU speculation.

The second inflationary concern likely to afflict bond markets will occur as the election approaches. Although an outright Labour victory is the likeliest outcome, a hung parliament is not out of the question. As UK markets grow nervous about this possibility, the indexlinked area may be seen as a sort of "safe haven" - a hedge against the failure of any party to establish an overall majority, and against the risk of economic rectitude taking a back seat to staying in power. There is a third reason for the GILT-EDGED

index-linked sector to do well in early 1997, relative to conventional bonds, though it owes little to fundamental analysis of value. Although index-linked gilts have been available in the UK since the early 1980s, few other countries have issued similar instruments. However, in January 1997, the first US index-linked bonds will be auctioned. The US intends a regular quarterly series of auctions; from a global standpoint, therefore, the supply of indexed securities is set to rise quickly. This is not a problem in the early months - indeed, the novelty value and desirability of US index-linked is likely to send prices high, with a knock-on benefit to the UK sector. However, once the initial

rush recedes, demand for this type of bond should become quickly sated, resulting in a downward correction to prices later in the year.

To this surfeit of US supply in 1997, we must add UK index-linked funding, which is also likely to be a cause for concern. Current policy is to make about 15 per cent of gilt issuance per year in the index-linked sector. The rate for the 1996-97 financial year has been running somewhat above this, though, at nearer 20 per cent; the ease with which this has been achieved could lead to a higher target percentage being assigned next year. The chance of UK index-linked auctions starting in 1997-98 cannot be ruled out the authorities may wish to build up a sizeable "benchmark" bond in the sector, which, in time, would be available for stripping allowing the trading of the bond's

cash flows individually (this will be allowed for some conventional gifts for the first time next year).

Finally, the long-term comparison between conventional and indexlinked yields is unfavourable to the latter. The break-even inflation rate between long-dated bonds in the conventional and index-linked sectors (the inflation rate that would be needed for returns on index-linked to equal those on conventionals) is currently more than 4 per cent for free-of-tax investors such as pension funds; as we see little chance of inflation rising to that level in the foreseeable future, many of these funds should be slanting their holdings towards conventional gilts next year.

In summary, although there is scope for index-linked bonds to do well on a view to the end of the year, and even to hold up better than conventionals in a weak start to 1997, we have reservations about the performance of the sector in the long term. The conventional market will be a better bet after the election.

> STEPHEN SCOTT Kleinwort Benson

1967: BMC merges with Jaguar, including

Daimler. Rover, including

Land Rover, merges with

#### PADIS CHOICE

### Clueless and ' priceless

I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. Radio 4, 6.30pm.

Given the right components, anarchy can become an art form. An excellent example of this is I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. A new series of these priceless "antidotes to the panel game" (their own description, and itself an anarchic proclamation of their aims and objects) began last Saturday and gets a deserved repeat tonight. The city with the good fortune to supply the audience is Liverpool. No changes have been made in its choice of chairman, Humphrey Lyttelton, its four players whose names are too familiar to list here, and its ivoriesplayers whose names are too familiar to list here, and its ivoriestickler, Colin Sell. Had anybody come up with the mad idea of dropping someone from the team, there would have been the danger of a national insurrection.

Lady Chatterley's Confessions, Radio 4, 10.45pm.

Elaine Feinstein picks up the chronicles of Connie and Mellors pretty well where Lawrence left off. The former gamekeeper is living in a farmer's cottage in Derbyshire. But not for long, it seems. Connie's thoughts are turning to Tuscany. What else is new? There's a little daughter called Emily, her sex was undetermined when Lawrence laid down his pen, Mellors has had his divorce. Episode one has no sex scene. Episode two makes amends for this ornission. There are touches of Lawrentian colouring: "Smuts on the spring flowers" is one of them. And Connie is her own storyteller. The voice belongs to Amanda Root.

### Steering Rover in new direction

1952: Austin and Morris, which owns MG, Riley and

Wolseley, merge to create British Motor Corporation

Kevin Eason examines the prospects for a collection of Britain's best-known marques now that BMW has taken the driving seat

Towers like a right hook from Evander Holyfield. His jaw dropped, he blinked, then stared in disbelief. Towers had spent ten years turning a shambolic wreck of a company into something identifiable as the Rover Group, with its maroon and cream livery and proud Viking ship badge.

Yet Rover is the wrong name for the wrong company at the wrong time and in the wrong market place, according to Robin Wight, an advertising guru called in by BMW. A corporate badge which suggests a history as provider of the doctor's car, the relaxed limousine, was too confusing for a business which made everything from the Mini to a £60,000 Range Rover.

Perhaps a name such as British Motor Holdings might be better, suggested Wight. Except that this would take

Rover full circle: in 1952, the company we now know as Rover set out on its tortuous journey through the decades when Austin and Morris merged to form the British Motor Corporation, Then there was British Leyland and BL... and finally, in 1986, Rover.

Towers. Rover's former

chairman, headed the team which turned a motley collection of badges and factories into the sleek, advertising-Rover, with its friendly upmarket logos and aspirations of elegant British understatement. The transformation was so

good that BMW. Europe's most successful carmaker, was impressed long enough to spend E800 million acquiring the British group in 1994. In truth, BMW, which had long wanted to develop a four-wheel drive vehicle of its own, only wanted Land Rover, the remarkably successful division making what are universally regarded as the best off-roaders in the

But Bernd Pischetsrieder. BMW's chairman, had a soft spot for Rover: his uncle was Sir Alec Issigonis, inventor of the Mini, and the romantic chairman remembered all those glorious names from the past: Riley, Triumph, Wolseley, Austin, Morris, Standard ...

And then he took over the company and discovered the problems which will dog Rover into the next century. Here was a business making as many cars as BMW, but split so many ways it could never be profitable nor efficient in the

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long term without radical change. History has not been kind to Rover, as a comparison between the two stablemates shows. BMW effectively makes one saloon in three sizes, with variations for estates and coupes, a sports car, made in the USA, and a grand touter: each model shares engines. gearboxes, electronics and interior components. The company image is clear and defined: BMW is high-technology engi-neering: BMW makes a driv-

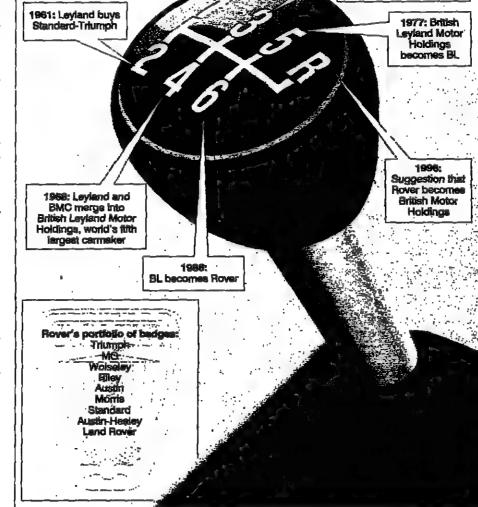
er's cars.

Rover is a distillation of almosi a dozen badges over four decades which means it now makes ten different models, from the 38-year-old Mini to the Range Rover, each using different chassis, a collection of engines and gearboxes and an assortment of parts in shapes and sizes to meet each different model range. The company image is a matter of some debate because it ranges from the cute Mini to the rugged Land Rover, the executive Rover 800 to the fun Rover 200.

BMW was so confused it called in Wight, chairman of WCRS, which has devised BMW advertising for the past 17 years. His assessment of Rover's image was stark and shocked Rover's management, as viewers can see in the second episode of When Rover met BMW, BBC's fly-on-the-wall documentary, tomorrow night. Wight said yesterday: "Rover has a very strong brand image and the name clearly should mean relaxed motoring where BMW means driving and high technology. But that cannot apply across such a broad range of cars because of the confusion it creates. Is a Mini really the same as a Rover or an MG? These brands need to be defined and that is a huge

debate inside the company." ohn Towers knew that he just didn't want to hear it. Maybe he, and many of his team, were too close to a company which was like a drunk they picked up by its bootstraps and set on the road to sobriety. Their near dedication to the brand left no room for question - and their new masters at BMW only had

questions. Towers left Rover when BMW made it increasingly clear it wanted to control and radically change Rover's destiny, appointing first Wolfgang Reitzle, BNW designer and Pischetsrieder's right-hand man, as chairman and then Walter Hasselkus, a long-time BMW insider, as chief executive. In too came Tom Purves, trusted managing director of



**ROVER'S CHANGES OF GEAR** 

BMW in Britain, to head Rover's sales. A clean sweep for BMW: and clean vision for the

The new team starts with no preconceptions and has no debt to the past, except to the array of badges it has inherited probably one of the most coveted and revered collection of names under one roof in a car company anywhere in the world. Pischetsrieder was aware of that from day one when he announced the takeover, and then wistfully wondered whether the business

might ever make a Riley again. Rover's old management team smiled benignly as they might with a naughty child: after all, they said, who remembers Rileys? The boss did and he remembered Austin-Healey and Triumph - and the result of the brainstorming by men like Wight, now a consultant to the Rover board, is that many of those badges are likely to return. Whether the Rover corporate name stays or goes is irrelevant, What will happen swiftly though is a segmentation of the Rover line-up into a series of new divisions which will give each model a specific brand and identity.

The 16-year-old Rover 100, better known as the Metro, will last another year, if it is lucky, to be dumped so assembly lines can be cleared for the launch of a new Mini. That car will not be branded Rover but Mini only and he the start of a new family of upmarket small cars.

nd MG will remain the sports car division, although there is conjecture over whether the brand should not also have sporting saloons added to the range, a little like the old Magnette or Maestru, which were badge-engineered versions of existing saloons and hatchbacks. That new stable could include models like the

Austin-Healey seems certain to make a comeback with a hairy-chested sports car while Triumph also looks set for a

comeback in some form, its name still well remembered both in Britain and the US. where BMW wants a Rover's return by the end of the decade. Land Rover is the only division which is untouchable as the most profitable part of the group and the one tagged for rapid expansion with the launch of the new "baby"

vehicle next year. The name of Rover, still readily recognised, particularly in Britain and increasingly abroad, is expected to stay but attached to a range of elegant saloons which uphold the values of the brand established years ago when Rovers were the cars you drove if you couldn't afford a Jaguar. However. BMW is more ambitious than that and a replacement for the Rover 600 is scheduled to be a model which will have Jaguar's new small saloon firmly in its sights. It will be elegant nowerful and swish: above all. t will be a Rover. □ When Rover met BMW,

tomorrow, BBC2, 9.30pm.

RADIO 4

### WORLD SERVICE

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#### RADIO 2

6,00am Sarah Kennedy 7,30 Wake Up to Wogan 9,30 Kan Bruce 11,30 Jimmy Young 1,30pm, Judi Sptera 3,00 Ed Stewart 5,05 Helan Sharman 7,00 Hubert Gregg 7,30 Matcoln Laycock with Dance Bend Days 8,30 Big Band Special 9,00 Humphrey Lyteston 10,00 Melly on-Mondey. Alan Patters, George Melly hosts a jezz chat show (2/8) 10,30 The Jermann 12,05am Steve Modden 3,00 Alex Lester

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concert from Manchester, conductor Michael Tilson Thomas, Mahler (Adaglo from Symphony No 10); Debussy (La Mer) 8.20 The East in the North. Aurangzeb (obal explores the ways in which the Islamic people of Bradford have resisted or absorbed their sumoundings in their lives and at 8.40 Concert, pert 2. Low Herrison (A Parade for Michael Tilson Thomas); Prokořev (Romeo

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Beethoven acknowledged as a strong influence on his opera Fidelio.

1.00pm News; BSC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's Smith Square, London.
Verneer Quartet, Wolf (Italian Seranade); Carber (String Quartet No 1)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Nicholas Claobury, conductor Nationals Conductor, Della Jones, mezzo.
Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish); Fella (El Amor Brujo); Montsalvatga (Conciones Negres); Rimsky-Korsalov (Capriccio Fenaciol)

Espagnol)
3.45 Volces. Cheltenham Festival
recital given by soprano Joan
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4.30 The Jazzin' Violin. Jean Luc
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Buckley travels to Arable and Central Asia to explore deserts in reality, myth and insometion imagination 10.00 Ensemble\_Planist Gordon

Thomas); Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet, accepts) 9.35 Grains of Sand, Martin

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Manuel de Falla
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Percy Grainger (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, Features the Don Weller Quartet 1.00 Through the Night

Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lady
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See Choice
11.00 Beyond Reasonable Doubt
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11.00 Education Matters (LW)
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12.00 News incl 12.27am approx

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10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Money Box 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm The Heritage Outz 12.55

Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Saint Overboard.

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3.00 The Atternoon Shift. Laurie Taylor tunes into some office gossip to see if it is time-wasting or constructive

4.00 News

4.05 Kateldoscope. Lynne Walker reads a new biography of the choreographer Sir Frederick Asthon

4.45 Short Story: Remembrance Day, by Katle Campbell.

Day, by Kalie Campbell. Read by Barbara Barnes 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.00 Six O'Clock News

The Late Book: The Shipping News, by E Arme Prouk. Cucyle, third-rate newspaperman and first-rate loser, seems destined for a hopeless, hapless life Read by William Furt 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00-As World Service

THE TIMES



**CITY DIARY** 

#### Touchline role for PR outfit

CITIGATE Scotland, the Edinburgh PR firm that includes Kwik-Fit among its prime accounts, has been called in to help one of its home city's football clubs. By complete coincidence.

Tom Farmer, the Kwik-Fit

boss, has a major interest in Hibernian, and has financed its new North Stand, Robin Dunseath, deputy chairman of Citigate Scotland, says: "We have been unofficial advisers to Hibs for several months. But the board, determined to improve the club's rapport with supporters, has hired us on a permanent basis." Dunseath is perhaps better known for inventing haggis hurling. a pseudo-Scottish sport, to promote a

A FULL-PAGE advertisement for Aldi brings to light a very interesting facet of those customers who shop at the German-owned discount store. The sales pitch for a "top quality" computer at a cost of more than ES00 close to £1,000 if you add a printer - carries a significant caveat. "Remember: cash only, no cheques or credit cards,"

#### Opening doors

EVEN when you're the owner of a London hotel, it's not always easy to find a bed for the night. Pity Hugh Corbett. founder of the Tup pub chain, who spends most of his week at the Redeliffe Hotel. On returning from a serious drinking session recently, the incorrigible Corbett searched in vain for the key to his room. Re-

sourceful as ever, he settled down for the night in the hotel corridor, after gratefully accepting a couple of pillows from a concerned and considcrate guest. Not long after the incident, when Mrs Corbett was in town, he lost his keys again: on this occasion, with the help of a heavy fire extinguisher, he was forced to break down the bedroom

#### Market in facts

CITY teams from BZW and Prebon Yamane, to name but two. will lock horns tomorrow night for the ultimate Spreadbet challenge. The general knowledge game, launched by City Index, the spread betting company, plays on the participants' penchant for gambling. Based on spread betting, players take turns at making

Absolutely ... DARLINGS don't you know? Mary Portas is leav-

the markets on obscure facts, with other players then hav-ing to back their judgment by

buying or selling the market

maker's quote.

ing Harvey Nicks Midforties, she worked for Harrods and then the Burton Group. Mary was the marketing director, sweetie, joined in 89, and revamped Harvey Nicks, top to toe. When she arrived, it was the place to get your tiara polished, or somewhere to buy a kilt: no Mac counter, no sushi bar: Can you imagine?. She's off to set up her own consultancy. Fabulous. Yellow Door, darling, that's its name. Pass the Bolly.

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### Theoretically at least, it's hip to be squared

o prizes for guessing what Tom Stoppard watched last night. Given the alternatives of The Royal Variety Performance and Heartheat, we can be confident that Britain's greatest living playwright, author of Arcadia, the play that put the theatre into Fermat and his Theo-

rem, will have opted for Equinor: What's in a Number? (Channel 4). He will not have been alone. My new colleague Melvyn Bragg, aiming to Start the Week on an ever higher plane; Peter Greenaway, checking he got the plot of Drowning By Numbers right; and Douglas Adams, confirming that the answer to life, the Universe and everything really was 42, will all have been watching, united along with all you other polymaths - by that great truth of the late second millennium; that mathematics is the new rock'n'roll. Arithma-chic has arrived This new passion for things

seriously mathematical is a great truth but an even greater paradox. For while the number of people who love the idea of mathematics grows with each north London party, the number of people who can actually do it diminishes much faster. It's the Stoppard Conundrum. As a dejected Roger Penrose, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford and purveyor of powerful imagery, put it: "It's very frustrating — you have found something very beautiful and you can't tell anybody."

That said, Edmund Coulthard, producer and director of this delightful film, had a damn good try. The fact that I only got as far as is not his fault. The square root of minus one ("i") was where my moderate mathematical career ground to a halt 20 years ago. But at least now I know that this was the fault of my parents, who failed to pass on the genetic blueprint for. that part of the parietal lobe

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8.50 AS SEEN ON TV (1) (8) (638324)

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dealing with imaginary numbers. Same reason I'm not a concert pianist, apparently

The genetic basis for mathemati-cal ability was a clever place for Coulthard to start, for it gave those that needed it the perfect excuse for while marvelling at their brilliance — not always following what his experts were saying.

ot our fault, we muttered as we struggled to deci-The pher first the accent of the brothers Chudnovsky and then their possible motives for calculating x to eight billion decimal

"Some numbers are more equal than others and a falls into that category, said Gregory...or was it David? I stuck with some numbers being longer than others and moved on. The origin of zero was past; the Final Theory, 'the theory of everything, the network of infinite geometry" promised by

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Descartes 377 years ago beckoned. We didn't get there, of course. But if we could just get our string theory untangled

Sure, Coulthard's film was derivative. The surreal set, complete with small girls in party frocks clutching numbered balloons, was pure Greenaway, while the poetry and quotations were just the sort of thing Stoppard's tutor would have recited to his young charge in film clip. But the plundering was worthwhile. An immensely difficult subject had been rendered infinitely watchable.

By one of those quirks of ntum mechanics that allows a highly energised critic to be in two places at once, I can tell Stoppard et al what they missed by neglecting The Royal Variety Performance (BBC1). What they missed was a show of infinite length but almost infinitesimal jest - what laughs there were coming mainly from the imported Americans, Joan Rivers (whose theme of second wives must have caused the Prince of Wales a few anxious

moments) and Jackie Mason. Victor Borge provided an unexpected moment of crossover - for nist as mathematics only became interesting when they discovered the irrational numbers that fall into the cracks between ordinary numbers, so the piano, according

Arcadia. As for Adams, he got a to Borge, only became interesting when someone invented the cracks between the notes. Up until then it had been very boring, particularly during piano recitals. Goodness knows how many times Borge, now 88, has told that joke. But with Bob Monkhouse dragging up Reargal Sharkey and Jim Davidson resurrecting Eddie the Eagle, he was clearly among friends.

nd so too were we on

A Saturday night with Kiss and Tell (ITV), or Our Friends in the South Midlands as it looked like being for several minutes. There was Daniel Craig. last seen as the drink-sozzled Geordie in Peter Flannery's epic tale of Newcastle life. There too was David Bradley, last seen playing Eddie Wells, the justabout-acceptable face of Tyneside politics, in the same. And wasn't that Gina McKee?

Actually, no it wasn't. Turned

quite like McKee but even more like a seriously-fringed Demi Moore. Rowell was Jude Sawyer, an undercover policewoman who would stop at nothing to get her baddie — absolutely nothing. I groaned when I realised that a major theme of Heidi Thomas's aptly named thriller was going to entrapment. Borrowing so freefrom a real, recent and very much unsolved murder case could hardly be considered creative.

But Thomas just about got away with it, producing a script that contained enough twists and turns for real life to be forgotten. although perhaps not quite enough to fill the allotted two

Still, the cast was excellent, the direction energetic and the interior paint finishes (no psychological thriller is currently complete withvinyl matt. Or was it eggshell?

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studying, the students take their finals (Coetas) (s) (6324) upather (4091)

9.30 PANORIAMA Su Pennington reports on the increase in young British women involved in violent crime (Coets) (464140)

10.10 BELY COMMOLLY'S WORLD TOUR OF AUSTRALIA Billy armes in New South Wales, tries his hand at beach fishing and pays tribute to the artist Brett Whiteley (Cectax) (9) (625324)

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11.45 FILM 96 WITH BARRY NORMAN (Gerfaxi (s.) (217362)

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#### CHOICE

1914-18 8BC2, 7.00pm

Marking Armistice Day is the start of this comprehensive and comprehensible view of the Great War, that bloody watershed which divided the old order from the new. It wined out nine million people and swept away old dynasties and social orders for ever. The first programme analyses the key personalities and looks at the cultural, social and political backdrop to the outbreak of the war. It examines the growth of imperial militarism. socialism and the suffrage movement and outlines the tensions that threatened to boil over into social revolution but instead erupted into war. Reflecting the high production values are the top-notch actors, headed by Judi Dench as narrator, who read the diaries and letters. Intelligent scripting and good use of archive material make this a hucid and rich piece of work. A series it is impossible to praise too highly.

BBC2, 8.00pm

Last August, in the middle of the silly season, the media were sent a gift from the gods. A group of Nasa scientists held a press conference to announce that they had found evidence that life once existed on Mars. From the fragments of meteorite ALH80041 they had isolated carbonate structures which they believed to be fossilised bacterial life forms. But whether these worm like shapes were ever alive is debatable. The cases for and against are logically argued but what is clear is that the scientists are desperate to prove the alien life is, or rather was, a reality. In pursuit of more evidence, Nasa is shortly to aumch a series of robot explorers to bring back more samples. One for X-Files fans, space oddities and those who believe some scientists will see what they want to see.

Secret Lives Channel 4 9.00pm

Despite the fact that Errol Flynn new series exploring icons of the 20th century. The Tasmanian-born actor/adven-turer packed more into his 50 years than all his fictional roles put together. He made and lost fortunes, romanced innumerable women, drank himself to idjocy and readily admitted all manner of bad-boy behaviour. Except, that is, the statutory rape of two under-age females for which he was famously tried and acquitted. One of those women, Betty Hansen, testifies on film for the first time, as does his last amour, Beverley Aadland, who was only 15 when they first met. More meat is provided by the rumours of his cowardice and Nazi links and by footage of the Flynn film William Tell in like Flynn, indeed.

BBC2, 9.30pm

After last week's opening episode when the McHoan family, its oddball characters, its tensions and mysteries were introduced, comes this second chapter which moves the plot nicely along. Premice McHoan (the doe-eyed Joe McFadden), suffering all the agomes of young adulthood, continues to try to dig out the secrets of his family and, in the process, discover the secrets of the Universe. Instead he succeeds only in digging a very deep ditch for himself. Bryan Elsley has deep ditch for miniscil. Bryan Elsiey has superbly adapted lain Banks's novel to the screen, blending flashbacks, imaginary conversations and Prentice's narration with parched humour and a camp eye for a cliffhanger. Swinging easily from farce to tragedy and covering the bits in between, this drama sparkles like hirex through Frances Lass

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8.00 WORLD IN ACTION Sandy Gali returns to Alghanistan to see how the tunda-mentalist Talebar army has changed the country (Teletext) (s) (4985) 8.30 SHARMAN Starman is tricked by the

police into handling a murder weapon, so he has to agree to help them bust a drugs gang or face a possible 15-yeer jall sentence (Teletext) (s) (66695) 10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (84459)

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7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (414896) 7.55 THE SLOT (754121)

8.00 SHORT STORIES: Murder Triel Following the various crime reporters who covered the trial of the murdered French hitch-hiker Cellne Figard last month (Teletext) (2527)

8.30 THE REAL HOLIDAY SHOW Reports from the Greek island of Thassos, Dorset and the Maldives (Teletext) (si (4362)



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# Court likely to reject limit on back VAT

IN A landmark case that exceeded its powers but could cost the Exchequer as much as £5 billion, the High Court is expected to rule this week that Customs & Excise has acted illegally in refusing to pay out claims for back-dated VAT extending beyond

three years.
The judicial review of Customs' powers, which involves two separate claims for back VAT, starts tomorrow, with a ruling anticipated by Thursday morning. If Customs & Excise loses, the immediate payout could exceed £100 miltion, and further claims are in

the pipeline. The VAT Tribunal has said at previous hearings that it disapproved of the Customs' action but did not have the power to force repayments. Legal experts say the main issue is not whether Customs

UNISON, the UK's biggest

union, will today mount a pre-emptive strike against

the Government over the

working-time directive by

threatening legal action for

Unison is to challenge the

Government's failure to es-

tablish the directive in a

move that comes just before

Rodney Bickerstaffe, gen-

eral secretary, will issue a

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Brussels on the directive.

whether the court has the authority to force it to reverse its actions. If the court does have the power, and all future claims succeed, the bill for the Exchequer could be £5 billion.

The issue at stake is the controversial ruling to set a cut-off date for claims for back VAT to just three years before the demand is presented. This means that if a business has been wrongly paying VAT for will not be recoverable.

However, Customs & Excise is allowed to claim unpaid VAT for up to six years, In one case involving British Telecom, Customs is claiming six years' back VAT from one part of BT, while another part. which is due a VAT refund, can only reclaim three years of identical payments.

said it was confident of

The directive, agreed in

1993 and appealed against

by Britain. sets a maximum

working week of 48 hours

with rest periods every six hours a minimum daily rest

of 11 hours, one day off a

week and four weeks' paid

The Government views

the working-time rule as a

bid by Brussels to circum-

vent the opt-out that Britain

secured from the social

chapter of workers' rights in

the Maastricht treaty. After

Tuesday's ruling, Britain

could choose not to incorpo-

rate the directive into

legislation.

holiday each year.

Unison acts on

48-hour week

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

region of £5 billion.
The Customs' action is being challenged by the Federation of Opthalmic and Dispersing Optidans and by

The VAT group of the big six accounting firms is to launcha protest against the new law to tie in with this week's hearing. The group is lobbying MPs to reject the legislation because of its unfair nature.

Court of Justice is expected to be launched as soon as the law comes into force, although this is likely to take 18 months before there is a ruling.

A SECOND American-back-

ed contested takeover bid in

the British electricity sector

could arrive as soon as this

morning from Dominion Resources, of Virginia, which

was forced last week to disclose an interest in bidding for

The Americans are thought

to have decided in principle to

mount a bid, and a board meeting in Richmond, Virgin-

ia. last night was putting the final touches to their plans.

These could include a "dawn

raid" on the stock market

aimed at scooping up a strate-

gic holding.

Reports at the weeked sug-

gested a bid for East Midlands

at about 630p a share, against

a closing price on Friday of

5934 p. This would put a price

on the company of £1.25 bil-

lion. But the board, chaired by

Sir Nigel Rudd, one of Brit-

ain's most experienced indus-rialists, is likely to hold out

Sale tactic

considered

East Midlands Electricity.

The law bringing these deadlines into effect was announced in Parliament by David Heathcoat-Amory, the then Postmaster General, on July 18. However, the Act has yet to be passed by Parliament and will only come before the

Commons on November 27. Mr Heathcoat-Amory, who resigned in September, said that the Act would be retro-spective and, since July 18, Customs has been refusing to make back payments that extend beyond three years. The law has been brought in

because Customs has lost a number of large actions, including those on car leasing and promotion schemes by consumer goods companies. which were expected to lead to VAT repayments estimated by some to be as high as £25 billion, although a more reasonable estimate is in the

GUS and Kay, the mail order groups. The value of these two actions is estimated by Customs to be just £25 million but is put at more than £100 million by advisers to the two

Peter Jenkins, the national VAT partner of the accountant Ernst & Young, said: "Customs have no statutory authority to refuse claims, only the promise of retrospective legislation." A spokesman for Customs

said: "It would be silly for us to pay back money which we would then have to take the time and effort to recover

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**East Midlands** 

may face US bid

By MARTIN WALLER



Adair Turner unmasks the findings of the latest CBI poil today, as well as the mask he painted as part of a celebrity fundraising effort for The Prince's Trust

### Businesses expect single currency to go ahead

BY PHILLIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S business leaders forecast for the first time yester-day that Europe will definitely introduce a single currency, even as they announced new evidence showing industry in the UK still divided over economic and monetary union.

The statement by Britain's principal business leaders that, regardless of doubts within industry and in government about a single currency.
Europe will go alread comes in
advance of a campaign to
inform companies about the "eventuality" of economic and monetary union (EMU).

Both business and Conservative Euro-sceptics will be an-gered by the declared judgement of leaders of the Confederation of British Industry that a single currency is coming across Europe. They are likely to see it as a covert

for a price much closer to £7 a

Dominion already has the

necessary clearance from its

local regulatory authorities to

make an offer. The company indicated last week it would

not offer "substantially" high-

er than a price of 608p a share,

and debate last night was

thought to be over how much

higher it was prepared to go.

Meetings were also taking

place at the company's mer-chant bank, SBC Warburg.

bids, this would leave just two

of the 12 regional electricity

companies in England and Wales never having attracted a takeover offer. Seven have

been taken over, four by

American utilities, and an

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anticipation of an approach.

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If, as expected, Dominior-

attempt by pro-European big business to bring pressure to bear on ministers and com-panies to accept EMU. However, Sir Colin Mar-

shall, president of the CBI and chairman of British Airways, was unequivocal. Asked by The Times whether the CBI expected Europe to introduce a single currency, Sir Colin said: "Is a single currency

going to happen? Yes."

Speaking before the opening today of the CBI's annual conference in Harrogate, Sir, Colin said: "It's pretty obvious that the political will in mainland Europe is very definitely there to establish monetary union and achieve a single currency — whether Britain is a part of it or not."

In the CBI poll, carried out by MORI, of some 1,700 companies around Britain, 87 per cent of firms supported the UK's membership of the EU, with only 8 per cent in favour of withdrawal

However, business is less clear on EMU, with 56 per cent supporting the principle of Britain's participation in a single currency, while 30 per cent are opposed. The poil comes a day before the ruling tomorrow by the European Court of Justice on Britain's legal challenge to the RU directive introducing a 48-hour limit on the working week.

Adair Turner, CBI Director-

General said: "There is significant support in business for the idea that we should go ahead with EMU, at some time." Business also heavily backed the Government's out-out from the EU social chapter.

Smaller firms' woes, page 45

### Bidders chosen for BBC disposal

AT LEAST four contenders, including Securicor and a management buy-in, are on a shortlist of bidders for the BBC transmission service, to be privatised next month.

The transmission system has a £210 million book value and strong interest could raise its price. Lebman Brothers. the Wall Street investment bank advising the BBC, has asked for final bids by the end of the month. The BBC expects to announce the winner

before the end of the year. The other finalists are NTL, the former transmistion arm of the Independent Broadcasting Anthority and now owned by International Cable Tel, a US-controlled cable company, and an Ameri-

can 'wineless' communications group whose name has not been revealed.

If NTL wins, it will have a monopoly on terrestrial telecontrol most radio transmissions. However, Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, said last month that NTL should not necessarily be excluded from bidding.

Securicor, the security group, wants the system to bolster its mobile-phone networks: Securicor operates private networks for police: Mercury Asset Manag is backing the BBC transmission service managers.

The BBC will use sale proceeds to help to set up digital broadcasting and to fund programming.

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NORTHERN Electric, under £759 million takeover threat from CalEnergy, of Nebraska, is understood to be considering the sale for as much as £200 million of its power supply

business as a way of funding a bonus payout to shareholders to encourage them to reject the bid (Martin Waller writes). Several potential buyers are thought to have expressed an interest before the US bid a fortnight ago, including the

neighbouring water and pow-er company. United Utilities. and Scottish Hydro-Electric. One stumbling block to the plan, however, is the near-30 per cent stake in Northern held by CalEnergy.

#### Granada to sell hotels separately

Granada, the leisure com-pany, is understood to have decided to sell off the 17 hotels in the Exclusive chain on an individual basis to maximise

the price. The book value of the hotels is £780 million, but Granada, could pull in up to £900 million from a series of sepa-rate disposals. The company has also received clearance from the Inland Revenue for exemption from capital gains tax by selling the hotels in this

The fiercest bidding war has been for the Hyde Park Hotel in central London, with interested parties understood to include two relatives of the Sultan of Brunei and TCC, the Thai hotels company. Offers are in the region of about £80

#### ject of a contested offer from Job insecurity East Midlands' share price is of managers expected to rise this morning in Britain's managers largely

doubt they will be better off over the next year in a clear sign that the economic "feelgood" factor has yet to return to UK companies, new evidence suggests today. The findings of the survey by the Institute of Management show a clear swing in support towards Labour among managers and have them broadly divided over whether the economy generally will improve in the next 12 months.

Polling a sample of 400 members, the institute shows today that as marty as 59 per cent of managers do not feel they will be financially better off during the next 12 months, a key factor being job

surveys the fall-out Roger Young, the institute's director-general, said managon financial markets after Bill Clinton's victory in the ers were "sceptical about American election growth feeding through to boost personal well-being".

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# Republicans begin hunt for leader who can win

REPUBLICANS have started to tackle the glaring question of why they saddled themselves with such a poor presidential candidate as Bob Dole and of who his successor

Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader now described as "the most powerful Republi-can in Washington", denied Eyesterday that he was already considering running in 2000, but added: "You're going to have a cavalry charge; a

However, the search for a. new leader will highlight the gaping ideological splits in the party. As party adviser John McLaughlin argued to Newsneek: "It's no accident that we've lost two presidential elections since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Foreign policy was the one thing that united

all parts of the base." Republicans control Congress and most of the counhave seen huge inroads forced

into their strongholds.

The policy lessons of Bill Clinton's victory are clear. One senior Republican advis-

er said: "We now know that Newt Gingrich and the Contract with America and pretty well any hint of revolution are a turn-off, particularly with women. These little, bitty things that Clinton's come up - the Internet, extra hospital nights for new moth- voters like them much more than we thought."

At the same time, Republicans need to rethink the seniority system which pro-duces candidates long on experience, money and influence but short on charisma. As Rich Bond, a former party chairman, put it: "We're kind of a royalist party. We always go with the heir-apparent." The party was lucky that this tradition gave it the popular and charismatic Ronald

Reagan: more often, it has got

dull fixers such as Gerald Ford, George Bush and Bob

But at least these institutional figures stitched together the underlying divisions. As the party turns to the next generation, they will gape open. On social policy, it is split between the religious Right and the moderate country-club set. On economic questions, tax-cutsupply-siders are at war with balanced-budget fans, while protectionists battle with free-traders.

The Christian Coalition, the highly organised body which treats politics as a jihad, dominates the primary elections to select the presidential candidate. The risk is that the primaries will throw up a nominee who is repellant to mainstream America.

The party also suffers from a shortage of contenders in the age group below Mr Dole. Among established names, one towers above the rest

Colin Powell. His liberal stance on abortion and affirmative action for minorities might offend the far Right. But surveys repeatedly show that he is the only big name capable of attracting many Democrats. The snag is he may again decide not to run.

Others are household names but stand little chance. Mr Gingrich's fate as Speaker of the House is in the balance, so great a liability was his radical reputation in the campaign, Jack Kemp, the vicepresidential candidate, blew his chance in the 90-minute televised debate with Al Gore by a belligerent, incoherent performance. The electorate also found his beloved tax-cut plans dubious.

Others, less prominent, may be better placed. The party is not short of money, but it lacks fresh talent and a unifying philosophy. Until it solves those problems, it may be short of an electable leader.



Maoris carry the Zulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi ashore at Lake Rotorua in New Zealand for a world indigenous Christian peoples' conference

#### 'Boring' Clinton gets talk show apology frequently accused of woodenness, "very nonsense" for the next four years, called BY BRONWEN MADDOX

PRESIDENT: CLINTON yesterday got an on-air apology for being called a bore by David Brinkley, the political commen-tator. Mr Brinkley's popular programme This Week, which ended yesterday after because of the host's post-election attack

Mr Brinkley said on air last week that

the President's Tuesday night speech "one of the worst things I've ever heard". and declared Mr Clinton was "a bore".

In his programme yesterday, the host told the President that his remarks were both impolite and unfair, and I'm sorry and I regret it". Mr Clinton accepted the apology, saying: "I've said a lot of things myself late at night when tired." He added that Mr Brinkley's remarks had made Vice-President Al Gore, who is

The President used the show yesterday to call for Republican help on the thorniest problems facing the new Administration. And he said that he did not intend to give former business colleagues charged with wrongdoing "any special preference". Pressed on which policy he would put above all others, he said passing a budget which would open the doors of college to all Americans.

## Aids victims count cost of staying alive

AIDS sufferers have a new worry - what if, against all expectations, they survive? They have spent their money. sold their homes, made their wills, said goodbye to their friends. Now, thanks to new drugs, they may have two or three decades more to live.

The unexpected turn in the disease, which has killed a ird of a million in America alone, is due to a combinations of drugs that have succeeded in reducing levels of HIV in the blood to undetectable

Andrew Sullivan, the former editor of the New Republic political magazine, argued yesterday in The New York Times: "A diagnosis of HIV infection ... no longer signifies death. It merely signifies illness.

Hope that the Aids death sentence may be lifting has been brought about by protease inhibitors, which came on the market just under a

year ago. According to Mr Sullivan, who has known he was HTV-positive since 1993 and who is taking the drugs. the short-term side-effects include nausea, diarrhoea and constant fatigue. Long-term effects and success rates are unknown.

The drugs have, however, generated a wave of first-hand accounts by Aids sufferers astonished to be alive. On Friday David Sanford, the editor of the front page of The Wall Street Journal, used his newspaper to tell his story. "I had blown my mother's estate. about \$180,000, on living for the moment, eating in the best restaurants and taking three or four foreign vacations a year. I was determined to go out in style.

Mr Sanford, who believes he was infected by HIV in 1982, said he was getting so plump that his doctor had told him to go on a diet; he is also trying to repair his finances.

#### suspends 15 in sex inquiry FROM QUENTIN LETTS

**US Army** 

ANOTHER 15 non-commissioned officers in the US Army were suspended from duty after allegations of widespread sexual harassment at a training base in Maryland.

A total of 19 drill sergeants and teaching staff at the Army Ordnance Centre in the garri-son town of Aberdeen have been linked to suspected abuses of women recruits, the youngest of them 18. The alleged activities include rape, which under US military law carries a life sentence, and

forcible sodomy. Today is Veterans' Day, the US version of Armistice Day. The grim countenances at this year's ceremonies will reflect senior officers' embarassment and anger that the American military is once again embroiled in a sexual scandal. The Aberdeen case threatens to outdo the Tailhook affair of 1991 which uncovered sexual abuse in the US Navy.

None of the latest batch of instructors to be suspended at Aberdeen was charged with an offence, the Army said. Some have been assigned to office work while inquiries are made. The suspects so far have included married men and NCOs who supervised the most physical parts of recruits training.
The military police are in

vestigating the case to see if the base had a history of sexual harassment. Women who left the training camp in past years will be interviewed and asked if sexual abuse was the reason for their abandoning an Army career.

Yesterday there were indications that the Aberdeen affair could become a political issue. An editorial article in *The New* York Times acknowledged that the Army had acted with speed to improve the scrutiny of training operations, but said that "it must make sure that if senior officers at Aberdeen condoned the abuses, they too are held accountable".

A Democrat member of Congress, Patricia Schroeder. said that the Army operated a "wink-wink" policy on sexual harassment, Lawrence Korb, a former Pentagon official. said: This is snil profession, with a lot of men who have not accepted that the military could be women's work

Judy Foritano, a New Jersey-based sexual relations expert, said that when women report sexual harassment to the police it is normally an indication that they have exhausted all other ways of resisting the male behaviour. At the same time, she said. there was "tremendous concern [in the military] that you cannot even talk to a woman in case she runs off and sues".

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THE United States has been removed from the key United Nations budget committee for the first time, in a move that is likely to put further strain on relations between Washington and the organisation. In an upset the US candi-

date failed to gain election to

the 16-member Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions which vets the UN's \$1.3 billion (£790 million) annual budget. France and New Zealand won the two seats being contested, scoring 117 and 116 votes respectively in a secret ballot of UN members; the United States received 103. The other members of the group of financial experts are from Russia, Cuba, Barbados, Brazil, China, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mali. Roma-

isia. Britain lost its traditional seat several years ago. The United States is by far the largest contributor to the UN budget, paying 25 per cent of all UN administrative costs and 31 per cent of peacekeeping costs. Washington is also the organisation's biggest debtor, ow-ing about \$1.4 billion in

nia, Syria. Tanzania and Tun-

Asked why the United States lost, an American offi-cial said: "Three things: money, money and money. Resentment about US arrears to the United Nations was clearly the decisive factor. The lack of our participation will inevitably diminish the committee."

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# The butler did it

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ONE OF the longest-running mysteries of astronomy is the case of the diffuse interstellar hands. When you look at bright young stars, they don't shine as intensely as they should. In the 1930s, astronomers established that this was not the fault of the stars themselves, but of something lying between them and us. It was, in fact, a celestial version of the music-hall song: "With a ladder and some glasses you could see the Hackney Marshes, if it wasn't for the houses in between."

But what houses, exactly? This puzzle has contributed

richly to the history of science.

The diffuse interstellar bands, or DIBs. are essentially gaps in the spectrum of light from young stars. The light reaches us through space which, far from being empty, teems with thinly dispersed chemical com-pounds. These are intercepting the light.

From the wavelengths that are missing, it ought to be easy enough to work out exactly what these compounds are, by measuring the absorption spectrum of likely candidates

in the laboratory.

Now two scientists from 1BM believe they have discovered the criminal - and in the best traditions of the whodunnit, it turns out to be the butler. Dr Peter Sorokin and Dr James Glownia, of the T.J. Watson Research Centre in Yorktown Heights, believe that the DIBs are caused by hydrogen, by far the commonest molecule in the universe. Like the butler, hydrogen has been there has covered its tracks with great skill.

The DIBs are certainly not caused by simple absorption by hydrogen molecules, since their pattern is quite different. Rather, the IBM scientists believe that hydrogen accounts for the DIBs in a complex process that involves light scat-tering of the same kind that makes the sky blue, followed by a laser-like process in which the hydrogen atoms are excited into higher energy states.

They envisage cold, sheet-like hydrogen clouds lying within 30 light-years of very

bright stars. These clouds are so thin that most light goes straight through. But some is trapped by a process of scattering, bathing the cloud with intense ultraviolet light at certain critical wavelengths. This light then combines with visible starlight to excite hydrogen molecules to higher energy states

in so-called "two-photon" events.

When they looked at the colours of the visible light needed to participate in these events, they realised that in at least 70 cases coincided with one of the 130 sharper DIBs. The broader DiBs correspond to cases in which the molecule is charged with so much energy that it throws out an electron, or splits up into atomic hydrogen.

The theory, due to appear soon in Astrophysical Journal, can be checked by laboratory experiments, it looks as if a 75-year-old puzzle may be solved.



Dr Gilbert Levin explains the principle behind his experiment to test for life on Mars. He believes it tested positive in 1976, but he was overruled

# The secret of Mars

ife was discovered on Mars 20 years ago and further evidence is awaiting a new generation of space missions. This is the startling claim of an American scientist intimately involved with a Nasa mission that declared the Red Planet

sterile 20 years ago. Dr Gilbert Levin was one of the principal scientists in-volved in the Viking mission in 1976. He conducted a key experiment to look for life -

and, he believes, found it.
But, to his dismay, the official consensus that emerged was that Mars had

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Nicholas Booth on why an American scientist believes that the Viking mission discovered primitive life on the Red Planet 20 years ago

Levin's experiment gave a

strong signal that there were

microbes in the soil, but the

other two experiments yielded

less certain results. Levin

team was openly at war.

wanted to run a check. But there were personalities involved. The Viking biology

company, to work-

never harboured life, "A number of explanations have been proposed to explain the results of my experiment," Levin, 72. declares. "None of them are convincing. I believe that Mars has life today." His certainty comes from

this year's discovery of what appear to be fossilised microbes in Martian meteorites, hunks of rock which had been flung out of the crust of Mars in the ancient past. And it's hardly surprising. "Life is hardier than we had ever imagined," he says, "Microbes have been found in nuclear fuel rods inside reactors and in the depths of the ocean where

there is no light."

Mars is back on the scientific agenda. The US and Russia are sending a small flotilla of spacecraft to the Red Planet. Last Thursday Nasa's Mars Global Surveyor was successfully launched from Cape Canaveral. Next weekend. Russia's Mars '96 will blast off from Kazakhstan. Both will reach the planet next September. In early December, Nasa's Pathlinder mission will

make a fast track to Mars and

- with impeccable timing -

will arrive on Independence Dr Levin began his career as a sanitation engineer in California and developed a technique to detect bacteria, known as the labelled release experiment. He fed a sample of water with a "broth" of

sured the carbon dioxide produced. Few companies were Then, at a cocktail party in 1959, he met T. Keith Glennan. the first head of Nasa. "It suddenly struck me that my technique could be adapted and flown to the Red Planet to search for life." Levin says. Glennan told Levin to talk to Nasa's top biologist. Soon

radioactive lactose and mea-

arlier forays by the family of Mariner spacecraft showed I that Mars was colder, drier and more hostile than had been originally thought. But there was still the chance that microbes lay in the soil. This was how the Viking mission was born.

Viking biology team.

The Viking spacecraft touched down in 1976, Viking I on July 20 and Viking 2 on September 4. A robot arm grabbed soil samples which were fed into a hopper, and then three experiments tried to

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Indeed, their mutual hostility was featured in two consecu-The theory says that hydro-New Yorker magaduced in the atmosphere on Mars Microbes. zine in 1979. Levin found things difficult. "It samples: have been down to the surwas an uphill face. The problem struggle for me, is that measurefound: because I had gone ments made from spacecraft in orbit from being an engiinside neer from a small

nuclear ing with Nobel laureates," he says. "It fuel rods' had always been proposed that we would work on each other's experiments but we never did." One of the team

had already said that he feit that his experiment was compromised by the others. The supposed clincher that there were no microbes on Mars came from another experiment. The Viking's mass spectrometer found no evidence for organic molecules. long chains based on carbon which form the biochemical

backbone of life. The theory explaining the

find signs of metabolism. Dr absence of organic molecules went like this. Because Mars has no ozone layer, there is nothing to protect the surface. from dangerous ultraviolet radiation from the Sun. There-fore the planet's soils are

effectively bleached. Levin remains frustrated by this notion because he believes that the chemistry is wrong.

around Mars and the latest telescopes on Earth have yet to find its spectral signature.

In the late Seventies, Levin made another discovery. Looking through the PhD thesis of the student who had developed the mass spectrometer, he realised that both that and his own experiments had analysed the same samples from Antarctica taken as a test before the Viking mission. (Antarctica is the most Marslike place on our planet and an ideal place to try out life detection experiments.)

Levin was astonished. "The mass spectrometer had tested the same Antarctic samples which we had looked at," he says. "It had found no organics and yet we had found living organisms."

Levin then checked on the sensitivity of each instrument. Although he could find as few as 50 biological cells in a given sample, the mass spectrometer would require upwards of ten million. In other words, the instrument held up as proving there was no life on Mars was much less sensitive than his own. "There was no conflict in the Martian data if you understand the sensitive ities," Levin says. Despite his best efforts, Levin could not persuade the mass spectrometer team to check their instrument against his with known

nd there the matter has remained. Levin is now an experimenter on an American instrument which will be flown on the Russian Mars 96 mission. The Mars Oxidising Experiment will shed more light on the mysteries of the Martian soil, but it won't be

capable of looking at organics. The answer to Levin is. obvious: refly a more sensitive version of the labelled release experiment. Despite trying to persuade Nasa's current chief, Daniel Goldin, who has asked the scientific community for all its help to solve the riddle of the martian microbes, his pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

Nicholas Booth's book on Mars will be published next year by Simon and Schuster

#### Fat discovery is clue | Long-lasting drugs to the 'Holy Grail'



ONE reason for obesity is that some people cat too much fat. And fat, unlike carbohydrate, doesn't trigger a feeling of fullness. The reason for this might be that early human beings couldn't depend on finding meat, so when they did

they were programmed to pig out on it.

A French team from the National Institute of Health and Medical Research laboratory in Lille has now discovered how the mechanism works. Dr Jean-Charles Fruchart and colleagues are studying the operations of the ob gene, which codes the protein called leptin. This is a kind of hormone, circulating around the body from

fat to brain, telling us to stop eating. The team has found that the amount of leptin made depends on a factor called PPARy, which in turn is activated by fats. When PPARy is activated, it inhibits the production of leptin, and postpones the feeling of satiation. This suggests that meals rich in fats probably activate PPARy and allow one to eat and eat. The discovery provides new hope for the pharmaceutical Holy Grail — the "thin pill". A PPARy inhibitor could be the very thing.

# mean fewer pills



PATIENTS forced to take drugs four or five times a day to control a disease will be glad to hear that re-searchers are hot on the trail of a mechanism that could make many drugs longer-

acting, reducing the dose to, say, two a day. Dr Stephen Liggett of the University of Cincinnati and colleagues have found that one long-acting drug, Serevent, made by Glaxo-Wellcome for the treatment of asth-In the Journal of Biological Chemistry they report the existence of a peptide just five amino acids long that captures the drug molecule and holds it there.

This hook lies within the adrenergic receptor in the lung which is the drug's target. The effect of the drug is to make the airways relax, and to relieve asthmatic symptoms. But other asthma drugs work for only about four hours, after which they become detached. Serevent works for longer by latching on to the hook, or "exosite".

"Now that we know this meachanism exists we should be able to use it to develop drugs that have a similar action at other types of receptor," says Dr Liggett.

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# Pray silence for the heroes

Remembering the fallen takes just two minutes of your time, says Kenneth Baker

oday at llam many people will observe a silence for two minutes. Many will not. Those who observe the silence will do so for several reasons—some because they will remember loved ones who died or were wounded in the world wars, or in the Falkland or Gulf Wars, or in more recent peacekeeping exercises; some because they think it important to recall that in desperate and dangerous times people were prepared to die for those things they held dear; some because they do not want another world war; and some, simply because others are doing it.

Those who just carry on as normal will do so because some think that the whole exercise is futile; some because they believe that by honouring soldiers; who have died they will encourage others to go to war; some because it is not relevant to the world situation today; some because they just cannot be bothered to remember events that occurred a long time ago; and some because they are rather embarrassed by the whole thing.

The two-minute silence does provide a short space of time when the nation can come together. John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown, with their staff, will observe it. So, too, will BBCl, radio and ITN. There will be a pause to remember in Sainsbury, Tesco, Asda and Marks & Spencer, as well as the major banks and The Times, and at llam Railtrack will make an announcement on its stations. The British Legion has revived this practice since the observation of the two-minute silence during the celebration of VE-Day, and the poils they have taken show there is widespread support for it — and this is not just limited to the elderly.

The closer you are to war, the casier it is to remember. In the aftermath of the First World War, when families had been broken and communities shattered, you simply had to honour the dead. And everywhere there were the visible signs of the horrors of war — men who had been gassed, blinded, lost a leg or an arm: "He sat in a wheeled chair, waiting for dark, and shivered in his ghastly suit of grey, legiess, sewn short at elbow." That's why the Cenotaph was creeted and why an unknown soldier was buried in



A soldier returns from the Western Front to hug his baby son for the first time. Today we remember those who never came back

Westminster Abbey. Those acts of commentoration were not triumphalist: the drums were muffled, and the hymns were solemn— the sorrow was overwhelming. The spirit was much like that described by Anne Finch, the Countess of Winchelsea, in the 17th century: "Trail all your Pikes, dispirit every Drum, March in a slow Procession, from afar."

Through this collective act of remembrance they also hoped that a better world would emerge — "the war to end all wars" and "a land fit for heroes". All too soon those hopes were shattered, as Chesterton wrote:

They said (when they had dined at Ciro's)
The land would soon be fit for heroes
And now they have managed to ensure it
For only heroes could endure it

From those dashed hopes, a decrymicism arose. The Cenotaph was futile stump; memorialising the dec

present; and the sacrifice of the dead was seen as honouring a huge, past mistake. But within 20 years, Europe was plunged into another world war—the old realities returned and we seemed to have learnt nothing.

o today is there any purpose in remembering? The answer must be "yes". Nobody can just ignore the past. A country that neglects its national mational future. Throughout history countries have honoured their dead—the Spartans at Thermoplyae, the Americans at Gettysburg—and in every French village there is a memorial for the men of the village who died in the two world wars. Whose heart does not lift a bit when they see Chelsea pensioners in their red coats? For old soldiers have always had a place of special affection, which, at its simplest, is a seat nearest the fire in the pub.

Of course, the circumstances the caused the two world wars are no replicated in Europe today but the

Faiklands and the Gulf Wars have shown that aggression has not disappeared from the face of the earth, and Bosnia has shown that neither has crueity nor wickedness, and that the veneer of civilisation is paper-thin. Now that is relevant to young people. They have seen on their television screens that war is a bloody, ghastly mess, that civilians are victims just as much as soldiers, that war never leaves a country as it finds it, and that the fruits of victory are often bitter.

the fruits of victory are often bitter.

In this century alone, it has been estimated that 110 million people, civilian as well as military, have died as a result of war. All the more reason why those who want to avoid such tragedy in the future should pause and reflect for a few moments today. The silence should not glorify war: it is a terrible reminder of what can happen when men start to kill their neighbours. We must all hope that those pale battalions of the dead did not die in vain. This optimism was best described by Walt Whitman, who witnessed the American Civil War at first hand when he served as a

hospital orderly. He believed that from all that suffering a greater love would come:

Dearest comrades, all is over and long gone, But love is not over and what love, O comrades! Perfume from battlefields rising up from the foetor arising. Perfume therefore my chant,

Perjume therejore my chant,
O Love, immortal love,
Give me to bathe the memories
of all dead soldiers,
Shroud them, embalm them, cover
them all over with tender pride.
Perfume all — make all

wholesome.
Make these ashes to nourish
and blossom,
O love, solve all, fructify all
with the last chemistry.
Give me exhaustless, make me
a fountain.
That I exhale love from me

perennial dew, For the ashes of all dead soldiers South or North.



#### Lost innocence

#### PHILIP LARKIN

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Those long uneven lines
Standing as patiently
As if they were stretched outside
The Oval or Villa Park,
The crowns of hats, the sun
On moustached archaic faces
Grinning as if it were all
An August Bank Holiday lark;

And the shut shops, the bleached Established names on the sunblinds, The farthings and sovereigns, And dark-clothed children at play Called after kings and queens, The tin advertisements For cocoa and twist, and the pubs Wide open all day;

And the countryside not caring:
The place-names all hazed over
With flowering grasses, and fields
Shadowing Domesday lines
Under wheat's restless silence:
The differently-dressed servants
With tiny rooms in huge houses,
The dust behind limousines;

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Never before or since,
As changed itself to past
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Leaving the gardens tidy,
The thousands of marriages
Lasting a little while longer:
Never such innocence again.

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down.
The political consequences changed the history

of the world and the consequences on what had been a settled social order were catastrophic. Families, communities and patterns of behaviour were all shattered, and some were never re-formed. Philip Larkin captures the twilight of the pre-war years — "Never such innocence again."

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# 'I felt so guilty. I thought I was deserting Paul'

he campfire was burning as Catherine Moseley and her boy-friend Paul Wells settled down to enjoy their supper, high in the mountains of Kashniir's Srinagar Valley.
They had spent the past few days fulfilling Paul's dream to climb the foothills of the Himalayas and were swapping jokes and stories with their Kashmiri guide and another British couple, Keith and Julie Mangan,

But as they talked, Catherine became aware that something was wrong. As first one figure, then another appeared. she realised that the makeshift camp was encircled by bearded Kashmiri gunmen. There was no panic, just a sense of the surreal, as the men demanded the Westerners' passports and then began

ransacking their belongings. They didn't speak English, so our guide was translating." Cutherine says. They looked at our passports but it was as if they were pretending not to understand - they were holding them upside down and waving their arms around. It was all slightly theatrical."

Catherine, 27, and Paul, 25, a photography student, had met Julie and Keith, both 36, in Delhi on the bus to Srinagar and the four had decided to embark on the six-day guided trek together.

"The men gave Julie and me our passports back. Then they marched all of us behind a hut at gunpoint. We were by this stage paralysed with fear. I was very fearful that Julie and I might be raped, so I decided not to make eye contact with any of the men. I just stared at

Tears fill Catherine's eyes as she says she can't remember what she and Paul said to each other, during what were to be their last hours together, be-fore a separation which has so far lasted 500 days. Paul and Keith along with an American. Donald Hutchings and a Ger-

Catherine Moseley speaks for the first time about the kidnapping of her boyfriend, Paul Wells, in Kashmir. Interview by Emma Wilkins



Nightmare journey: Catherine Moseley and Paul Wells

man, Dirk Hasert, remain hostages of the Al-Faran terrorists, a militant Islamic group. There has been no official news of their fate since

The last time Catherine saw Paul was when the gunmen stood up to march the hostages away, telling the interpreter they would be returned to the camp after their passports had been checked. I remember Paul looking over his shoulder at me as he walked away. I

often fantasise about running after him, grabbing onto him and saying. 'No. You can't take him'. But at the time I didn't do anything. I was paralysed — just doing what was required for survival."

Catherine, who met Paul four years ago when they were students in Nottingham, has no doubt that he is tough enough to survive his captivity. His love of the mountains is all-consuming, she says. "It sounds ridiculous to say, but if

Paul were to have to choose which part of the world he was to be taken hostage in, it would be the Himalayas. He loved the mountains, they are in his

The afternoon before the kidnapping, Catherine had a dream, which she now feels might have been a warning of what was to come.

"I decided to have a sleep in the afternoon in the tent and when I woke up I had the most overpowering physical sense of loneliness. I called out to Paul, who was cleaning his cameras. He said 'Are you okay? Do you want me to come in the tent? He came in and just held me. He is the most caring and generous person... She pauses to stop herself

from weeping again. ination not to give up hope was most tested when the body of a fifth hostage, Hans Christian Ostro, was discovered last August. He had been decapitated and the words Al-Faran cut into his chest. At the time. Catherine, together with the families of the other hostages, was staying with the British High Commissioner in Delhi.

It was her lowest point. "After Hans was killed I just totally gave up. I couldn't cope. You imagine that maybe he had been killed in front of the others, or maybe he was trying to escape. We had believed that the guys had formed bonds with their captors but after Hans's death everything was turned upside down."

It is a tribute to her strength of will that she forced herself out of depression to spare the feelings of the other women. "I realised that it was up to me to pull myself together, because I was upsetting the others. You cannot give up hope because as long as they may be alive that is all there is to hold on

The decision to leave India last October was desperately



Catherine Moseley says. "I often fantasise about running after Paul, grabbing outo him and saying, "No. You can't take him'." In her worst moments. Catherine gains comfort from

hard. "I felt terribly guilty because I was OK and free to leave and Paul didn't have that freedom. I felt I was abandoning him because I knew I was leaving the country in which he was being held, although we didn't know where." Although she is trying to

course in gallery studies at Essex University, there is never an hour when Catherine does not think of Paul. A natural pragmatist who finds it hard to accept any

proposition without proof, she is fighting a constant battle to stop herself thinking that he might be dead.

"It is pretty difficult, because you have to try to live your life, but I am stunned by the number of times I think in any

day. 'He might be dead'. I might be at a lecture, or having a chat with friends. I just make myself say 'No, he is alive. It's imperative that I find a way not to give up

Catherine returned to Kashmir last month for the first time since the kidnapping, continue with her life and has hing for news. Vague and unconfirmed reports of sightings fail to impress her. because there remains no strongest lead came in April this year when Nasir Mohammed, a known Kashmiri militant, was arrested and claimed all the hostages had been killed last December. "Either

he is lying, or someone has told him a lie, or he is telling

the truth. It's a pretty bleak set

who was born on February 13 this year, Paul's 25th birthday. "All my family and friends are fantastic and Hannah is just gorgeous. I know that if somehow this report reaches Paul, he will be overjoyed to know about Hannah."

the birth of her niece Hannah.

erry Waite, John Mc-Carthy and Jill Morrell have all of a campaign, organised by Catherine and the other hostages' families, to mark the 500th day of their captivity this Thursday. Catherine, who is naturally reticent and has so far avoided giving interviews

to publicise the hostages'

is forcing herself into a round of television appearances and press conferences. "It is a comfort to know that

Terry and John came back after so many years without news. The world is never going to be the same for me and I have to do everything I can to help get them out. There people feeling sorry for us and the whole country supporting a campaign which says more must be done."

● A film of Catherine's eight-day trip to Kashmir will be shown on The Big Story on ITV this Thursday. Anyone wishing to contact the hostages' support group should hostages support group should ring the campaign office on 01642-339 090 or write to Hostages in Kashmir Campaign, Independent House, 112 Borough Middlesbrough TS1 2ES.



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# The sale or return dynasty

The founding family of Marks & Spencer have always kept their private life very private. Now the much-married Lord Marks has plunged them into a bitter legal battle. Grace Bradberry reports

unday roasts, chilly seaside holidays and Marks & Spencer's underwear were once the three most familiar things about British family life. The first two have declined in popularity, but M&S smalls remain ubiquinous,

But was the Marks & Spencer business, or the dynasty behind it, ever as conventional as the middle-class families who bought its goods? The answer, undoubtedly, is no. Throughout this century, members of the dynasty have divorced, made amicable and generous settlements, and continued to keep their "exes" within the bosom of the family - not sale or return exactly, but an admirably smooth exchange policy nonetheless. Now, however, there are signs of bitterness. A member

of the family is demanding that a Marks & Spencer wife return "their" money. (Though whether she has in fact received anything - which she vigomusly denies - is still being fought over.)

The woman in question is Marina Sakalis, a prominent member of London's Greek community. In 1991, she met Michael Marks, the occentric grandson of the Michael Marks who founded M&S in 1870: Lord Marks the inherited his father's title in 1964) was 71. she was 35, but they nevertheless married two years ago, and had the union blessed in the House of Lords. His three children, Simon, Naomi and Sarah, showed their disapproval by boycotting both the wedding and the subsequent celebrations at Charidge's.

Most of the extended family had long since given up on Lord Marks. His father, Simon Marks, had been a formidable man. He took over Marks & Spencer at the age of 19 in 1907, and turned it into a huge business empire. But from an early stage it became clear that Michael, his only son, had neither the inclination nor the ability to follow in

Blond, a step-nephew of Simon Marks. "If you mention Michael to the rest of the family, they just laugh."
Instead. Michael Marks

pursued a bohemian lifestyle. Nevertheless, he awas more than five million Marks & Spencer pic ordinary shares. worth L29 million, and over the years he has been extremely generous to his wives.

The first, Ann Pinto, was a Ruthschild whom he married in 1949. The marriage lasted nine years and produced Lord Marks's three children. Two

years later, in 1960, he mar-ried Helene Fischer, but they divorced after five years. The settlement was reported to be £100,000 - a considerable

sum in 1965. Since then the settlements have grown larger. His third and fourth wives, Toshiko Shimura and Liyang Zhang, are reported to have received

more than £1 million each. None of this appears to have bothered the family. But Lord Marks's alleged generosity to his present wife has provoked a different reaction.

Since the couple met, Lord Marks has replaced Marina's 20-year-old Porsche with a Mercedes, and together they moved out of his apartment and into a £750,000 St John's Wood house which is registered in her name, where she and their staff care for him. Now Lord Marks's son, Simon, has brought a High Court action seeking the re-

> 'Sisters competed through their charity work'

turn of "gifts and property" which he believes she has received from her elderly husband since 1991.

But no one, least of all the increasingly infirm Lord Marks, knows quite how much, if any, money is in-volved. Lady Marks is contesting the action. She is, however. legally prevented from speaking publicly about the case. ead, her solicitors,

Miller, Clayton, have issued a statement making it clear that the action, though brought in his name, has nothing to do with Lord Marks. "Lord Marks has become incapable aging his affairs and that he has no commenceson of what has been done in his name, and he has not been consulted about the action."

His son's legal battle is not thought to have gone down well with the extended clan either. They loathe publicity, and have very little time and sympathy for Lord Marks, who is felt not to have pulled his weight either within the company, or within their various charitable bodies, particularly their support for Isra-

The original Michael Marks

aghast at these shenanigans. A penniless Russian Jew, who arrived in Britain in the 1880s, he even had to borrow the fiver it took to set up a stall in Leeds market. By 1900 he had 24 Penny Bazaars, all bearing the slogan "Don't ask the price, it's a penny". By the time he died, in 1907, his wife Hannah Mathilda and Elaine - were

happily installed in a large house in Manchester. After his death, Simon, then 19, took on the business, fought a nineyear battle to oust a hostile director, and turned M&S into a modern retail empire.

But it was a remarkable double love story, not a boardroom scrum, that laid the foundations of the M&S dynasty: Simon fell in love with his best friend's sister, his best friend returned the compliment. Israel Sieff, whom Simon met at Manchester Grammar, was later appointed to the board of M&S. In 1910, Israel married Rebecca Marks. Five years later, Si-mon married Miriam Sieff.

The path of love was not so smooth for the other Marks sisters, however, Simon, a real martinet, verted their choices. He forbade his youngest sister Elaine to marry another of his friends. Neville Blond. She obeyed him and married Neville's cousin, Norman Laski. But Simon's veto effectively led to the family's first divorce. The marriage failed, and Elaine made the dynasty's first spousel exchange, swapping Norman for her original choice, Neville, and marrying

hatever their ever, this second generation were a force to be reckoned with. The sisters competed with one another through their charity work, and they were all ambitiously supportive of the Zionist movement. The family kept together by Simon, and all those remarkable sis-' recalls Amino (Neville's son and Elaine's They were the stepson). Zionist movement for many.

many years. "Simon was a great man His brother-in-law, israel Sieff, also had some of that quality, but people were actually terrified of Simon. He didn't speak much but had a kind of magic about him. Israel was the one who made the gestures, and had the wine and the parties and the

But despite the various infidelities, there was only the one



Early casualty: the marriage of Elaine Marks didn't last





Toshiko Shimura, Lord Marks's third wife, found the family's scrutiny difficult. Marina Sakalis, with her husband on her wedding day, has been boyconed

tion — Elaine's.

It was the third generation of both families that made divorce its speciality. Seven of them married at least twice, and while the current Lord Marks has scored the record. his cousin Marcus, the younger son of Rebecca and Israel. married four times.

The private life of Michael Sieff, Marcus's elder brother, made the papers in the Sixties. Daphne, in 1932, but they separated in 1961. For 14 years Daphne denied him a divorce. She agreed to it only when she saw that Michael had abandoned his previous mistress in favour of Elizabeth Pitt, who had nursed his dying father. Both Daphne and Michael then remarried, and amicable elations were restored.

They're quite used to divorce, divorce means nothing," remarks Anthony Blond. And they have a wonderful

> 'Ex-wives watched at events to see if I made any mistakes'

ability to keep the ex-wives around. No one ever gets chucked out. I think it comes down to a sense of unity."

This is not always a comfortable experience for the new wives. Toshiko Shimura, the current Lord Marks's third wife, said: "It was very difficult for me because his ex-wives and girlfriends all watched me at Ascot and the musical galas and charity events, to see if I made any mistakes."

Now the family has begun to come apart at the seams. "All the heads have gone," remarks Blond. "Simon's gone, Israel's gone, and Mar-cus isn't well." Only two members of the

family are now directors of Marks & Spencer - David Sieff, the son of Marcus, and Simon Sacher, the grandson of Miriam Marks and Harry Sacher. Most of the rest of the family are still involved in charity work. They also remain charitable to those on the peripheries of the family tree, allowing them to bounce along on the safety net provided by Marks & Spencer's undies.



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Lynn Redgrave brings her show, Shakespeare For My Father, to the Theatre Royal, Haymarket OPENS: Wednesday

n his new book, Life's Grandeur, Stephen Jay Gould goes L some way towards explaining a puzzle: why has there been no apparent progress, at all, in the creative arts? This problem is only a glancing sideshow in a book which swivels from Plato to Darwin, talks of 3.5 billion years as we speak of last weekend, and drops a bomb on what is perhaps the last remaining delusion of much reduced mankind - that somehow Homo sapiens is a purposeful culmination of evolu-

that we are accidental late-comers

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**REVIEW: Friday** 

tionary forces. Not so, says Gould, not in the slightest.

So the final nail goes in.

Copernicus. Galileo and Newton ousted planet Earth from the centre of the known universe to the status of a tiny satellite to a marginal star; Darwin said that we had not been made by God but were descended through the animal kingdom from a primeval soup, Freud exposed the "ratio-nal" human as dramatically less powerful than the unconscious human mind; Gould now tells us

Did the caveman say it all before we did? tar one point jogged forward literally by the bolt from the blue which destroyed the dinosaurs) and our purpose is a meaningless development. All claims to greater

The final line in the book quotes Darwin: "There is grandeur in this view of life." Gould makes a vital distinction between the lengthy random pro-cess of natural evolution and the astounding rapidity of recent cultural change. In 100,000 years, but especially in the past 15,000, with an unchanging sized brain behind them, human inventions have enabled human beings to speed

complexity are suspect and any

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what for 3.5 billion years has been and remains the Age of Bacteria.

up with unique rapidity and thange the world. We see change everywhere. If being better at war is killing more and more, we have improved

greatly. especially in the past hundred years; if speeding from place to place faster and faster is progress then up, up and away we go, everyone a Superman who can afford a ticket to fly: if turning night into day, cold into heat, squeezing the world into a box. discovering the existence of milions of beetles and zillions of bacteria is change, then we are full speed ahead.

Except in two areas. Human nature and the creative imagination in the arts.

The Cro-Magnon people painted in Lascaux as ably as any 20th-century artist; Francis Bacon, rightly I think, asserted that no art had ever surpassed the monumental sculptures of Ancient Egypt: what tragedies have or could surpass Medea and King Lear? And which musical compositions outstrip those of Bach, Beethoven or Mozart? It makes no



precarious existence is this fantastic facility for cultural change, why are the creative arts so outstandingly resistant to it? In-

poetry finally shrivelled to a few small dried, nostalgic tubers? Has verse drama followed Latin poetry onto a shrinking syllabus? Will that complicated cross weave the intellectual, religious, passionate and mercantile complexity of medieval religious art - ever be matched again?

ould suggests, if I read
him correctly, that "our
unforgiving ethic of innovation" comes up against fulfilled achievement and has to pull away. Mozart was so good and so successful that he and a few others of his time exhausted that way of doing music; therefore later composers, driven by the demand to be new, must swerve away to another pasture which may, alas,

Can this be the whole case? For what if it is true as I suggested, or at least arguable, that in the headlong fury of cultural change over the past 15,000 years two of the chief intractables have been human nature and creative artistic expression? Gould will not let us for a moment entertain the thought that we are the end product of anything other than a series of chances and a general tendency to variation. Yet he allows for the force of more recent cultural change. So why are some things so resistant?

Perhans even in cultural change he will not allow for a movement towards the better. Just as he denies that our complexity is in. any way, shape or form superior to the apparent lack of complexity of bacteria so, by his own argu-ment, he may be saying that although technology builds on technology as needs are met and expand, art merely adapts because need stays constant. Is that it? Comparisons - as be-

tween the primitive wooden plough and the combine harvester -are pointless because there is no change in the appetite or the instinct for art. But if that is so. what does its lack of development tell us? Is it that we are more consistent in this area - more like bacteria - than in any other part of ourselves? Is it that in the creative imagination there is a profound alignment with that great tree of life on which he insists we are such a mere accidental twig?

Endearingly, and rarely in a book succulent with firm opinions, Gould says of the lack of creative "progress": "I don't have any solutions to propose." This is on the penultimate page of the book. I hope that Professor Gould uses it as the starting point for his next book and gives us some answers to a question which just might take him from the twiglet back to the branch and, who knows, even further?

Melvyn Bragg will be writing every Monday in The Times

# Go north, young Turner

A new exhibition at the Tate

charts the artist's journey into

There is no getting away from the fact that there is a very 18th-century flavour to the exhibitions opening this running concurrently with the Grand Tour, is a small show in the Clore Gallery on Turner's first tour to the North of England, which he made in

1797 when he was 22. This eight-week journey marked the beginning of Turner's involvement with landscape, and the pencil sketches and few watercolours that he made on the spot were a store of images that he raided for the rest of his life. It was a personal voyage of artistic discovery, and some-thing of a financial gamble for a young painter, even with some commissions already agreed. Beyond that, it was a venture that married well with the fashion for picturesque

souvenirs of distant places. Travel for pleasure was still very new. The voyagers on the

landscapes, says Isabel Carlisle Grand Tour were for the most part upper-class, but the ground rules that they laid down became universal. They certainly shaped Turner's 1797 neys. First, there were the 18thcentury enthusiasms for discovery and classification which fuelled the impulses to see, or collect, or experience all of a certain thing. For Turner this translated into future commissions for engraved views of, among other compendiums, The Rivers of England. The fascination of classical ruins for Grand Tourists prompted Turner to sketch ruined abbeys and castles: the taste for Claudian views of classical landscapes meant that, at least in his early commissions, he put English

> Yet if in many way: Turner's tour in the North of England was a microcosm of the Grand Tour, it also planted in him the resolve to buck the trend, and led directly to his later championing of oute landscape subjects, and watercolour as a medium on a par with oil paint. For this there is

another Grand Tour connection. Turner saw the watercolour views of Tivoli and scenes of Ancient Rome by Louis Ducros (in the last room of the Tate's Grand Tout exhibition) in the collection of Sir Richard Hoare at Stour-

head. Their size and monumentality demonstrated the possibilities of watercolour and when, in 1798, his watercolour of Norham Castle (worked up from pencil sketches made on his North of England tour) was hung alongside oil paintings in the Royal Academy and was singled out by one critic as being "the best landscape in the present exhibition". Turner must have felt a huge sense of achievement.

In Turner's 1845 oil painting the view of Norham Castle at sunrise was transformed into one of his most celebrated essays in abstraction. It, too, hangs in the Tate's Clore Gallery, although not in this

Claudian frame. Watercolour of Durham Castle and Cathedral from the River Wear close to Framwellgate Bridge (1798): Turner's visible experimenting with medium gives the show its edge exhibition. While the light source behind the hill, shining through the empty windows of

6 His tour planted a resolve to buck the trend 9

> tors can leaf through, the second part assembles the results of Turner's subsequent processing of the pencil sketches. They formed the basis for experiments in watercolour technique, mood paintings, finished watercolours and finished oils, with Turner's extraordinary visual memory adding colour and details of which he had made no concrete record. A view of the main street in Stamford. Lincolnshire, was worked up by Turner in 1828 into a watercolour and gouache filled with the human activity of a coach setting down passengers on a showery day. figures holding umbrellas and negotiating puddles, and a

colours and the evocation of

the mists above the River

Tweed are entirely

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sketchbooks, with

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late career.

milkmaid with churns hanging from her shoulders watch ing from one side - a cast of characters entirely absent from the original sketch.

n 1837 Turner went back to a sketch of Bamburgh Castle in Northumberland that he had made 40 years before and made four preparatory studies in water colour for an oil painting. Each one explores a different aspect of the scene. Particularly striking is the one which sets out the composition in terms of relative colour values and eliminates the narrative of the wreck in the sea below the cliffs, the castle, the distress rocket and the wreckers hauling in the cargo from the nearer shore.

In one early watercolour the scraping out of colour down to the paper surface beneath a clerestory window inside Durham Cathedral serves as a blinding shaft of light cutting the dusty shadows. It was a radical solution to an artistic problem: it is Turner's very visible experimenting with medium and effect that gives this show its edge.

 Turner in the North of England, 1797 is at the Tate Gallery, London, until February 9, then at Harewood House. Yorkshire, from March 15 until June 8, 1997 Playing Bach at his own game

Bach's activities as an arranger of his own and other composers' works are now widely known and accepted as evidence of his pragmatism as an over worked — and probably underpaid — musician. In recent years several of his pieces have been reworked, often into what is thought to be their original version. The latest is a "new" viola concerto compiled from various canta-

With such a musicological precedent, who could gainsay the King's Consort's arrangements of the organ trio sonatas as pieces for instrumental ble? Why should organists have exclusive rights to these marvellously inventive works? Indeed, at least two of the movements from the four sonatas in their programme of north German instrumental and vocal music were re-used by Bach in other guises.

The combination of two melody instruments and bass continuo (here cello, theorbo and organ or harpsichord) immediately transforms the sonatas into chamber pieces which worked particularly well in the vibrant but clear

King's Consort Wigmore Hall

acoustics of the Wigmore

There were some rather odd decisions, though: why choose the harpsichord in preference movement structured round extended pedal points? Why not use the gamba (as Bach did) in the arrangement of the E minor Sonata rather than viola and oboe d'amore (although this would have meant an extra player)? And why not transpose the E flat Sonata to D major when using as here, two violins, as Bach probably would have done? But the results were

totally convincing. The performances, however, were not consistently so. The outer allegro movements lacked flair, with a tendency to over-carefulness resulting steady tempos. With the middle slow movements relatively fast, everything tended to a more or less undifferentiated moderato. The two vio-lins perked up for the Sonata in E flat, despite the difficulty of the key, while Katharina Spreckelsen's creamy oboc d'amore sound was particularly effective in the E minor

The programme also in-cluded sacred vocal work by two of Bach's north German predecessors: Franz Tunder and Dietrich Buxtehude. Much less familiar territory this, and one well worth exploring. The strings of the King's Consort were joined by the soprano Deborah York, who sang with admirable

Tunder's setting of Psalm 137 (By the Waters of Babylon). with its rich five-part string textures and relentless chromaticism, was especially striking and drew out the best music-making of the evening.

Elsewhere, the interpretative insight and intensity of, say, Musica Antiqua Köln, who have long been associated with the north German repertoire, cluded the King's Consort, despite the best efforts of the excellent cellist David Watkin.

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# All's well that ends Will

obody could write a reconciliation scene quite like Shakespeare. For me, the most moving scene in Lear is not the one in which the old king carries in the dead Cordelia, but the one in which he wakes from madness to find her lovingly and forgiv-ingly rending him. But if you want an even less resistible assault on the tear-ducts, I would advise you to look no further than the penultimate scene of a play that was only partly written by Shakespeare himself. Pericles seems beyond human reach, so deeply does he mourn the supposed death of his daughter Marina - and who should be the sweet young thing who has coincidentally come to share her grief with him but Marina

In one or two recent revivals the episode has not

worked its full magic on me, but 6 An at Riverside it did so again, even though James underrated Roose-Evans's cast play comes from the less famed and fitted proves end of the acting profession. Caroline Devlin's warm, doughty power 9 Marina begins to A hand

caked with dirt appears from the pit into which she is directing her comfort. It is followed by what looks like a cross between Poor Tom and Ben Gunn, but is actually Justin Butcher's vivid. sensual Pericles in terminal decay. And suddenly this old, crazed creature is grabbing at her, holding her, and delivering that great cry of wonder and gratifude: The music of the spheres!" It is a moment that would turn Herod into **Bub Cratchit or Captain Hook** into Santa Claus.

Certainly, it must be the work of Spakespeare himself. during the play. Out hear it, you know it. The innithal scenes in which panters and bawds toll ineffecively to make the virtuous Marina a whore are as good is any in Measure for Mea-ure. And compare "Alas, the cas both cast me on the rocks, vashed me from shore to here, and left me breath whing to think on but ensung death", with "The God of his great vast, rebuke these urges, which wash both heavThe Legend of

**Pericles** 

Riverside

en and hell; and thou that hast upon the winds command. bind them in brass, having called them from the deep Your ear at once tells you which is ur-Bard and which is the poet and dramatist

Nevertheless, I have always had a weakness for those surely non-Shakespearean scenes in which the prince bangs about the eastern Mediterranean, solving sinister riddles, feeding starving cities, winning tournaments, evading a vicious, incestuous ty-

rant and marrying a kindly king's daughter. In any case, Roose-Evans has come up with a good riposte to those who think, with Dr Johnson, that it all adds up to "a mouldy tale". He has trimmed off all the mould he can find. He has cut some lines, staged the remainder as simply as he can, and left us with a clear

and pacey romance. Compare Bruno Santini's set and costumes with those currently spoiling Macbeth at the Barbican or those that recently turned Pericles itself National. All that it takes is a rough hectagon for a stage,. sloping bamboo poles, a patched white sheet behind them, and actors who venture out of their white pyjamas and catmeal cloaks only when genuine weirdness is afoot. Add a few arcane, exotic chants, and it is is enough to

the heart. Actually, it is twice churned, or there is a second reconciliation, involving Pericles, Marina and Cheryl Knight's Thaisa, the wife and mother they thought drowned. This time, the cast gently circles the threesome and, again, it is enough. An underrated play-

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



### The taming of the all-male Bard

her a lifetime of walking, talking, living and breathing Shake-speare, says Jane Lapotaire, the iambic pentameters play havoc with your ordinary conversation".

Having interviewed her in the past, I know this to be no idle boast. She speaks in fluid, intricately constructed sentences of the utmost clarity and elegance, occasionally making oddly Elizabethan inversions for rhetorical effect. Her one-person show treats us to "an unashamedly personal" revisitation of her favourite Shakespearean roles.

Had the Bard been a female in disguise, she would undoubtedly have been less miserly in her creations for her own sex. Lapotaire reminds us that male parts outnumber female ones by a ratio of eight to one, and that Rosalind, the largest female role, is only a third the size of Hamlet.

You can so clearly see the frustration for an actor of Lapotaire's stature, reaching this stage in her career only to find dwindling opportunities to exercise her accumulated knowledge. All it leaves is Lady Macbeth and Cleopatra, both of which she played more than a decade ago, and Katherine of Aragon in Henry VIII. which opens shortly.
This has driven her to her

THEATRE

Shakespeare As I Knew Her **Bristol New Vic** 

own show in Bristol. Rather modestly, Lapotaire confines herself to the parts she has played, in most cases quite famously. The show serves also as an informal biography of her career, lightly peppered with theatrical (Olivier, Gielgud, Jonathan Miller); but admirably. though again disappointing to one's baser instincts, she is never so self-indulgent as to descend to gossip, about herself or anyone else.

The performances get better as the characters get more complex, and her impassioned advocacy for Lady Macbeth produces a strikingly noble portrayal, while her Cleopatra positively transcendental.

Lapotaire turns out to be a surprisingly talented MC for her own star turns. And where the format of the show is predictable and sometimes repetitive, it's a tribute to her as an actor that she is never tedious to watch.

CLARE BAYLEY

### Smile of success

emob fever was in the air as the Supernaturals took the stage in Highbury. The emerging Glaswegian fivepiece band have been getting ntimate with the inside of heir van during a five-week British tour that culminated here jast Thursday.

Support on this adventure was shared democratically between two more newcomers. From Fallun in Sweden came laden confections. Their respect for good melodies is typical of the current explosion of Swedish pop of which

they are a part Silver Sun wielded staccato guitars in a kind of punk Monkees performance. Their style draws on new and oldwave pop in equal measure. But the evening's main attraction was the Supernaturals, whose first single

was released in July. That

The Supernaturals Garage, NI

song, Smile, had a fresh-faced vigour about it that was echoed here by the rest of a breathless set of little more than half an hour. Its successor. Lazy Lover, showed off a turned lyric about a reluctant Romeo, too indolent to get into bed. The Day Before Yesterday Man and Please Be Gentle With Me were similarly radiant, the brilliant control further enhanced by the keyboards of Ken McAlpine. He led the end-of-term high jinks before, no doubt, returning to the dorm to start one last bunfight

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#### Matthew Parris



Courtiers are always dangerous. If Mr Blair is not careful, it will be hair today and gone tomorrow

rong signals can cause wars. They caused the Falklands War. Last week they caused the War of Blair's Hair. It began from nothing. A few cheeky reporters did ring Mr Blair's press people for comment on the FT's gossip that Tony Blair had a new haircut, but ask yourself how you would have replied? With the truth, surely: "He's had it cut, and it does look a bit different. I suppose he's happy with it. We wouldn't bother

him with such questions." That would have calmed things down. What fired journalists with a determination to push this further was the irritated and defensive reaction of those around the Labour leader. There was a simultaneous attempt to deny that his hair had changed, and to denigrate anyone for pursuing the tale at all. Hours later, Blair's team panicked, tried to make a joke of it, but re-peated, in bullying tone, their attack on the FT journalist (whom they named) who had started the story.

Like dogs in packs, journalists can smell fear. Every paper decided to make something of this.

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Note what happens next: an object lesson in how, if the press wants to make trouble, it can create it from

nothing.
On Thursday morning the War of Blair's Hair was everywhere. Guardian and the Daily

Star used computer-graphic simulations to suggest. variously, how Mr Blair would look if bald, crew-cut or dreadlocked. Pictures from his youth were dug up. Hair-loss experts were consulted for advice. At 5am that day, preparing for a press review on BBC TV's Breakfast News, I realised there was only one subject to discuss, and it was the

American election. But now a more damaging story was gathering momentum. The papers were linking the Hair Wars to the issue of Blair's apparent lack of appeal to some women voters. Struck by Mr Blair's "filmsy boy-friend" good looks, I had raised this myself early in 1994 during the Labour leadership contest in a frivolous sketch entitled "22 reasons not to vote for Tony Blair". My poll of 11 female colleagues at Westminster. which took minutes to conduct, two lines to report and cost nothing, revealed that Mr Blair (unlike Gordon Brown and John Prescott) was not fancied. Yesterday the Independent on Sunday took three full pages, including its front page, to report what must have been a costly MORI poll of nearly 800 women. It reached a similar conclusion. Two of the 11 women I polled in 1994 found Blair fanciable. MORI's figure yesterday was a little down on that, at For four days now the

papers have been full of interviews with women who do not fancy the Labour leader, and huge headlines (such as the Independent on Sunday's) with the word "smarmy" in them. The media have been given a new playground chant. There has been damaging innuendo about perceived trustworthiness.

. We journalists are, of course, trivial and cruel. We pick on people. But until now that has worked to Blair's advantage, for Mr Major has been the target. It is interesting to see the rage and resentment with which Tony Blair's media people react when it is their

product being hammered. And the blame falls squarely on their own heads. For most of the last three years they have had a complaisant and sympa-thetic press to handle. The moment the going gets tough, they blunder. Because Tony Blair has been successful with the media. and because he has a team devoted to arranging this, the team has been given the credit for the success. Nothing could be further from the truth. Mr Blair is doing

well because he's bright, clean, not a socialist and not a Tory. He is succeeding not because of but despite his team of spin-doctors and advisers. These people have been a (so far) minor irritant, poisoning his relationship with the press and with

his own party. Few have been more overvalued than these young "the men behind Blair". I hear a wall-chart has been issued to show us who they all are. They plainly think of themselves as a cabal of kingmakers. for whom the press is a tool, Parliamentary Labour Party is an embarrassing sideshow. Some of them are now compulsive self-publicists. A few have begun feuding among themselves. Most of them are amateurish, conspiratorial and unprofessional. If they were

really any good, we would not have heard of them. This sort of thing destroys most emperors in the end. It destroyed Harold Wilson and was instrumental in Margaret Thatcher's demise. With both, however. the poison took decades to take hold. It is depressing to see that this has started with Mr Blair even before he has been elected. Since dependency on courtiers increases with power, we must conclude that if he cannot cast out these devils now, he never will. He must have some strange psychological

need for them. Mark my words: the men around Tony Blair will be his undoing. I offer you this prophecy without charge. It comes from the chap who wrote yesterday's Independent on Sunday lead story two years before

mother met on March 19, 1918. She records in her diary: "Tea with Katie and A. Waugh: Miss Jacobs, fiancée to Alec (Loom of Youth writer) there." A. Waugh was Arthur, and Alea Tun days later of Evelyn and Alec. Two days later, my

Miss Jacobs whom my grand-

grandmother is writing: "First time of sewing shrouds at Kensington." Such are the juxtapositions of records of life during the First World War. An earlier entry. for March 16. 1917, showed a similar contrast, "Snow! Horse goes on National Service to Mr Curtis at Clapton. Revolution in Russia!! Czar abdicates. Hunger riots and troops refused to shoot." My grandmother was already a

widow in 1914. Always known as Lily, she had been born Emily Savory, the daughter of the rector of Camley, the village next to where we still live in Somerset. In the early 1880s she had worked as a governess for the Pagett family at Cranmore; she taught two of the great-aunts of Alexander Chancellor, whose remarkable Pagett mother died a few days ago in her nineties. In his youth, Arthur Waugh had been another Somerset neigh-bour at Midsummer Norton. Her diary records this agreeable social life throughout the war, when she was still living in Somerset and later when she went to London. It provides a backdrop both to the events of the war, and to the losses of the young

sons of her family and friends. The spring of 1918 was the time when the Allies came closest to losing the war. In 1917, America had come in but Russia had dropped out. The diary records the spring crisis.
"March 21. Heavy fighting begins in France. March 24. Battle gets worse: we retreat nearly to Amiens. Scott [her brother's son] is in it. His retreating squad lose all their bag-gage: he brings them through the battle, it seems. March 27. Allenby's

# Suffering that still strikes us dumb

Mogg [her nephew by marriage] to be seen very plainly: marching along with smile. March 31. Easter Day. Scott out of the turmoil. Fletcher [her sonj sends card 'All Well'. April 2. Further letter from Scott: had a night in a bed! Much refreshed, though years older."

My grandmother sadly underlined the diary entry for May 1. "I was with Dick and Hetty when telegram came 'Scott died of wounds on 26th.' Great unexpected shock. I go to War Office - 'wounded on 26th', so not long agony." My father always thought his cousin Scott Savory had been too frail a man to be in the Army at all; that view is borne out by the brief newspaper obstuary my grandmother pasted in her diary.

"Second lieutenant Henry Lawrence Scott Savory; aged 21, only child of Mr and Mrs Savory of 10 Longridge Road, SW, died on April 26 of wounds received in action the same day. Educated at Remenham, Hindhead, and Radley, he passed the Cambridge entrance examinations (Jesus College) in 1914, but owing to the outbreak of war his plans were changed. After undergoing a serious operation, he entered Sandhurst in 1915, but his health debarred him from military service, and he took up the engineering course at Jesus College. In May 1917, he was able to join the Cambridge OTC and was given a commission in the Durham Light Infantry in September. He went to the front last January, with a battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. later he was attached to the Worcester Regiment, with whom he was in action on April 26. The Commanding Officer writes: 'All regret his loss, as he would have made a valuable officer." One wonders how many times the CO had used the same words to describe young officers, recently attached to his regiment, whom he can hardly have met.

My grandmother is still recording the German advance in early June.

# William Rees-Mogg

"This last week a great German threat to the Marne." Then she refers threat to the Marne." Then she refers to the Pemberton Billing criminal libel case. "Horrible trial: Billing book. 47,000 high English names who can be blackmailed by Germany and many receiving German gold: Asquith, Haldane etc mentioned! (V. Asgurit, "Industre to intended to spirit depressing)." But she did not remain depressed for long. On June 4, "I sell flags for Church Army, Regent Street, El.18s.2'ad." On June 6 she hears that Bob Rees-Mogg has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean but has survived.

Even my father, on leave in London

in July, goes down with "Spanish Flu" and has a temperature of 104. though a week later he is well enough to give his mother dinner at the Berkeley Hotel, then he has to go back to France. "July 26. Fletcher round in afternoon: puts away civis and we say goodbye at Earls Court station, 5.30. Ah. I shop and do quilt." It is only at the end of July 1918 that she records good news about the war. "Foch defeats the Germans on Marne." That turns out to be the beginning of the end for the German Army.

By mid-October she is recording "a wonderful week of victories". By the beginning of November the surren-ders are coming in; first Turkey, then Austria. Then the diary records the days of victory, "November 9. Kaiser and Crown Prince abdicate. Lord Mayor's Show. I go to see both pro-cessions on Embankment. Tea Savoy! V. weary! November II. Armistice signed and fighting is stopped at 11.00am. Maroons and hooters. Flags come out. I go on [knitting] Pneumonia Jacket to lunch, then out. Bus to Hyde Park turned back. Wet. Crowds. Dine at Dicks. London v. wild. November 12. To Buck Pal and see King, Queen and Princess Mary go and return St Paul's — on balcony and we shout "God Save". 100s of cannon in the Mall. Crowds thick and v. quiet; here and there romping - bonfires late, guns burnt. Novem ber 13. Sew. Crowds continue and bonfires. Kaiser in Holland." The very quiet London crowds had,

I suppose, to face the same shocking I suppose, to face the same strucking contrast as my grandmother. On Armistice Day she went to dinner with her brother. Her son, whose 29th birthday happened to fail on November II, 1918, was now going to come back home; his son, seven years had been briefled six months. younger, had been buried six months earlier in a British military cemetery in Belgium. Of her five close kin who fought, two had been killed, two were safe, and the fifth, who had won the DSO in 1917, never recovered from the shock of being torpedoed in 1918.

The men who fought were not

much thanked, at least not by the government or the bureaucracy. They did not come home to "a fit country for heroes to live in", nor had they fought "the war to end all wars". My grandmother tucked my father's demobilisation letter from the War Office into the back of her diary. It reads: "Sir, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that you have been released from actual military duty from 4 April 1919 inclusive. On and subsequent to this date you will not be entitled to army pay and allowances, neither shall any period during which you are so released count towards any gratuity, nor for non-effective benefits, nor will you be eligible for promotion during that period . . . The permission to wear uniform for one month is for the purpose of enabling you to obtain plain clothes, and will not entitle you to use AFW 3504 (concession vouch-er) when travelling ... "That was the spirit of the demobilisation of those

who came back. As it recedes into history, the Great War seems to become more rather than less tragic. It is hard to imagine the suffering either of those who fought or of those left at home. They coped with it, God knows how, and we should continue to remember those, like young Scott Savory, who sacrificed themselves for us, the children of the future they never knew.

# The centre cannot hold

America's local

diversity is better

than British

uniformity, argues

Peter Riddell

The curse of British politics is centrally imposed uniformity. We have become used to national solutions and national standards. In practice, there are big variations in levels of service, but when something goes wrong, national politicians are expected to intervene. Not only does this produce absurdities, such as Gillian Shephard being involved in the future of one allegedly disruptive 10-year-old boy in Worksop, it has also inhibited

innovation and risk-taking. Tory as much as Labour governments are to blame. There has, admittedly, recently been more willingness to try out new ideas in social security and education, and the city challenges pioneered by Michael Heseitine have encouraged urban re-generation. But the limited pilot schemes here are timid compared to the variety of initiatives across the Atlantic. Whenever I visit America, I am struck by the vitality of policy thinking at local and state level. That is where the real debate is being conducted over parental choice of schools and workfare (tying benefits to atten-

dance at work training schemes). Of course, America is more diverse than Britain. State and local authorities directly finance more than ninetenths of public education: the reverse of the situation in Britain, where central government raises the bulk of the money and the Treasury likes to

The focus of British political debate and accountability is the centre, at Westminster, Ministers are held to account for local incidents. The consequent dilemmas were highlighted recently in Blair's Gurus by David Willetts, who this afternoon will have other, more mundane distractions at



the Standards and Privileges Committee. He argues that "in a unitary political state, people are very reluc-tant to accept genuine diversity". Central government also feels obliged to protect council taxpayers from "the lunacies of an incompetent council" by capping. Mr Willetts implicitly accepts that measures to reduce the amount raised locally (introduced by his own government since 1979) have weakened local democracy and diversity, so it is a bit rich to put the main blame on

Public sector reforms have been centrally driven and uniform. It is all or nothing. Some of the problems with the poll tax and the health service reforms could have been avoided if there had been pilot schemes. But ministers such as Kenneth Clarke have been reluctant, be-

cause teething problems are highlighted by opponents, as is happen-ing now over the workfare and nursery voucher trials. There is a very British fear of failure, of being blamed, when problems are inevitable with any experiment. Instead, we have had hurried pilot schemes. which have not had adequate time to

show whether they work.

The Government should instead be trying to encourage local diversity. This means challenging the public monopoly of provision. In America, there is less of a centrally imposed blueprint and more of a readiness to. involve the private sector. It has become a cliché of public service reform to talk of the 50 states as "laboratories of democracy", but they

do offer different approaches; particularly in welfare reform. The lead has come from Republi-

can governors such as Tommy

Thompson of Wisconsin, but some ofthe most innovative mayors are Democrats such as John Norquist of Milwaukee and Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore. The latter has talked of the need to "liberate American students from the public [state] school monopoly". I have yet to hear any Labour. politician talk in these terms. While school choice has been championed by the Right, much of the local pressure has come from blacks appalled by the low standards of big. city schools. Vouchers, redeemable in private schools, have been allocated to poorer families by means-testing: More than 470 charter schools also now exist across the United States. Like grant-maintained schools, they

sector, receiving the average tuition costs for the area. But they are new schools, set up by teachers and parents, and often linked to businesses and voluntary bodies, and they compete with existing state schools. They have to meet performance targets but are non-selective. The paraficlaries have here the main beneficiaries have been the poor and ethnic minorities.

The Government's Education Bill which has its Commons second reading today, gives grant maintained schools greater flexibility and allows the Funding Agency for Schools to set up new ones. But the Tories should go further and enable the creation of charter schools on local initiative to compete with exist. ing state schools, so breaking the local authority monopoly of publicly financed provision. Voucher trials could be extended to primary and secondary schools.

The Government is also moving on welfare reform. Last week it announced an extension of workfare from two initial pilot schemes to 30 areas. As in New York, there has been an immediate and substantial drop in the numbers claiming benefit — presumably people working in the black economy — and a much smaller rise in those taking Jobs. Peter Lilley has been one of the few ministers prepared to experiment, within the constraints of laws requiring the same terms and conditions to apply to benefits nationally. This has now been amended and he has introduced pilot schemes offering in-work benefits for childless people (partly to test the effect on employers' policies on wage-setting) and help to lone parents to return to work. The latter for the first time involves the private

sector, which will be paid by results. There are questions about these proposals - how many people return to work permanently? - but it is only by experimenting that solutions will be found. This is not just about devolving power from the centre, but also about accepting the value of diversity and competition in provision, as the Social Market Foundation has been urging. The gentle persons in Whitehall do not know best. It is time to look outside the public sector in education and welfare.

# Stark challenge

AN UGLY street fight between the wards and tried to take him on. cheesy chat-show presenter Jonathan Ross and the Duchess of York's bête noire Allan Starkie was only narrowly avoided on Friday

Starkie, a former confidante of the duchess who has written a gruesome account of her private excesses, was a guest on Ross's show, recorded on Friday. He did not take kindly to his host's manner, so he collared him after-

"My main goal was to get him outside," said Starkie from his hotel yesterday, where he was registered under the name Maxim de Winter. "He is a good head taller than me, but I wanted to deal with him man to man." The enemy refused: "I'm not going to fight you," he said, "It's widiculous." Ross had told Starkie on the

show that his book was rubbish

and that he wanted the three hours



Ross and Starkie rivals for the literary laurels

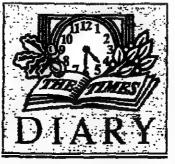
back that he had spent reading it. "I couldn't get a word in edge-wise," said Starkie. "He tried to pretend he was an intellectual, but he didn't qualify for that. And he wasn't funny either. So I wanted to hit him."

Ross left without physical injury, but only after agreeing to cut out some of his nastier insults before transmission. Starkie, meanwhile, is leaving town to promote his masterpiece in New York where, coincidentally, the duchess will be doing the very same thing for her own book and its tamer version of events.

#### Case notes

NEVER FAR from a friendly lawyer, Sir James Goldsmith. tycoon and political mover, has launched a High Court libel action against a Member of the European Parliament, Glyn Ford, the Labour MEP for Greater Manchester East.

The man who issued more than 60 libel writs against Private Eve in the 1970s, and applied to the High Court to bring an action for criminal libel against the magazine, hasn't lost his appetite for bashing the cheap prints. He is seeking libel damages over two articles: one. headed Today your love, tomorrow the world", appeared in Tri-

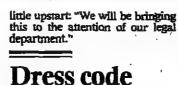


bune, a left-wing paper; the other, headed "Fears over nasty links to Sir James", cropped up in a Euro-MPs' publication. Neither is likely to have much of a fighting fund.

#### Side order

THE CORPORATE weight of the restaurant chain Pizza Hut is being hurled at a small takeaway in the West Midlands with the name Pizza Mutt. The American conglomerare understandably suggests that customers may be confusing the

Pizza Mutt is digging in, however, with terrier-like defiance, and insists that its logo of a dog holding a pizza is unique. "We will fight any challenge against us," barks John Pepperoni" Nash, the manager. Pizza Hut is tiring of the dogged



### SIR RICHARD BODY - a man whose very name once reminded

John Major of medics and flapping white coats -- has been canyassing in the House of Commons. The terrific MP for Holland with Boston. has circulated a letter on behalf of Conservatives Against a Federal Europe urging fellow Tories to join



Home Secretary

in a monthly evening at a pub in

Starting at 6pm, we shall be Boozing for Blighty: time to let our hair down and socialise . . . For the fundraising types, expect raffles. fancy dress parties and the like."

 Attendants froze like storks the other day in a Chichester bookshop where Norma Major was signing copies of her book on Chequers. A tubby, blazer-clad man, who had queued patiently with the rest of them, leant forward and kissed the PM's wife when he reached her. Happily, it was Sir Colin Cowdrey, former England cricket captain and hero of John Major. "John will be so thrilled." Norma cooed.

#### Indian Ink

IN AN INTERVIEW earlier this year, Felicity Kendal, who is regarded by some as a national treasure in the same league as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Winnie-the-Pooh and Ovaltine, said she was thinking of bringing the cur-tain down for good. For the first time," she said, "for the first time ever, I have thought I have on stage yet.

had enough. She is also planning to write her memoirs. At the party to celebrate



More please, Felicity

the opening of a terrific West End production of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, she said she was toying with the idea. The subject would be her early life in India. where parents Geoffrey and Laura ran the touring theatrical company which inspired Merchant Ivory's first film, Shakespeare Wallah, It may be time to reminisce at 50, but I hope we'll see plenty more of her

#### AND THEN SILENCE

Our hope of peace for years to come

Two minutes' peace is little enough time to remember the multitudes who died for their country. Surviving veterans, widows and their families have lived with the loss every minute of every day for decades. But for those too young to have any experience of war, that two-minute vigil every year may be the only opportunity to recall, with reverence and with gratitude, a sacrifice they themselves are unlikely to be required to make. Why do we remember our war dead in this particular way: not just with parades, but with a silence? The ceremony at the Cenotaph is, with its noble simplicity, lacking all pomp, a more enduring legacy of Lord Curzon than his viceroyalty of India. But at the heart of that ceremony only silence can signify at once solemnity and intimacy, physical absence and metaphysical presence, mortality and eternity.

We commemorate, we mourn, we suffer in silence because these, the last things, are inexpressible in words. Silence lends a retrospective dignity to death which the cacophony of war denies it at the time. In wartime Goldsmith's "silent manliness of grief" is, all too often, the prerogative of women; they ensure that life goes on amidst death. To weep for the victims of war is necessary and right; but after the lamentations must come contemplation.

Silence is an immemorial mark of respect and of awe. The Ancient Greeks demanded If at all public ceremonies; they knew and valued the almost palpable presence of the divine when a great crowd falls silent. This numinous quality is largely absent from the Bible: the Jews never prayed thus until rabbinical times. But Jesus Himself does seem to have communed with God in silence, as well as aloud: in the wilderness,

in Gethsemane and on the Cross. The Christian hermits, monks and nuns of the late Roman and early medieval period developed the art of silent prayer, just as from the time of St Ambrose in the 4th century AD they learnt to read in silence. Having discovered the power of silence, the monastic orders took it in some cases to extremes, forbidding all but the most unavoidable verbal communication.

Yet their legacy of wordless worship survived into modern times, and not only in Catholic Europe: the Quakers in Britain and the Pietists in Germany both attached supreme importance to that which our secularised, urbanised, overcrowded world, is more of a rarity than it once was. This is especially so at work, where first the Industrial Revolution and now that in communications have, for all their inestimable benefits, surrounded mankind with

As a nation of individualists, the British are tentative about acts of collective solidarity: we have no Independence Day or Thanksgiving, no July 14. Yet the annual silence on Armistice Day unites us more profoundly, more sincerely, more gloriously than any celebration. In silent homage to its heroes, known and unknown, the nation interrupts its daily business - however important, however enjoyable. For a brief yet timeless moment, we recall not only our countrymen now alive, but the generations that have fought for our freedoms before us. In our awareness of the invisible links that bind us to our predecessors, and to our own posterity, we echo Psalm 90, as rendered by

"O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come ..."

> Yours faithfully, JOHN WADHAM. Director, Liberty, 21 Tabard Street, SEL

#### STOP THE PACT

A loss of sovereignty is being agreed without debate

Today the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, attends an EU finance ministers meeting to discuss what could be the biggest transfer of sovereignty since the Maastricht treaty. This time there will be no three-line whips, no votes of confidence, no national debate and certainly no referendum. Quietly, almost secretively, the Government may acquiesce in a plan which could ultimately pass increased control over Britain's spending and taxation decisions to partners.

At stake is the so-called "stability pact", a reschanism designed to prevent profligate against the good name of their more prudent partners. Once there is a single interest rate. it would be tempting for, say, Italy to run up a large hudget deficit at lower rates than it would otherwise have to pay. Eventually this would cause the euro's interest rates to

rise, at the expense of the other members. To counteract this, Germany in particular wants a system which would fine countries that borrowed more than 3 per cent of their national iricome. They would have to pay sums amounting to many billions of pounds a year into a central fund as punishment for their extravagance. They would have no say: penalties would be exacted automatically.

Worse, as Bernard Connolly pointed out on the facing page last Friday, even countries that have chosen not to join the single currency will have to have their tax and spending plans approved by other members' finance ministers. They will be legally obliged to submit regular "reinforced. convergence programmes" to prove that they are dedicated to meeting the convergence criteria on debt, deficits and inflation. drawn up in the Maastricht treaty - even though they have chosen to remain outside

the single currency. 150 far, there is no suggestion that

countries outside EMU could be fined if they failed to meet the criteria. But once it has been conceded that fiscal policy has to be drawn up to meet the approval of other European governments, it is a short step to their demanding the imposition of sanctions. If Britain tried to borrow large sums in the midst of a recession — as John Major did during his first years of government - while members of EMU decided stubbornly to stick with high levels of unemployment, it is easy to imagine their determination to

punish a transgression. Maastricht treaty. If the European governments wanted it, it should have been. Then it would have been subject to the debate, the votes and the ratification that the other elements of the treaty received. The House of Commons European legislation committee recommends that the pact regulations be debated on the floor of the House: will the Government agree? When Maastricht was passed, the fiction was that the EU would not meddle with individual countries' tax and spending policies. Now that interference is being slipped in by the back door.

Mr Clarke has a chance today to make a principled case against interference by Brussels in the fiscal policies of national governments - and especially those of countries outside the single currency bloc. The stability pact in its present form would require the unanimous approval of every European government before it could go into effect. For Britain to block the stability pact now would make far more sense than noncooperation over beef earlier this year. Last Friday, talking about the working time directive, the Prime Minister said that good Europeans do not go with the herd but sound the alarm when something is wrong. It is time to sound the alarm.

#### TYSON TOPPLED

High time the invincible was conquered

What goes up must come down. In Las Vegas in the early hours yesterday, heavyweight boxing's undisputed king was depassed. The result was cheered to the rafters as much for being an astonishing surprise as anything else. But the real sense of satisfaction stemmed from the release of a feeling that was pent-up and perhaps not recognised by every boxing fan who felt it. Tyson has been at the top quite long enough: and he was never the ideal symbol to

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dominate any sport. Sporting celebrity provides a random scatter of role models for the young and impressionable. Once a man or woman is at the top, their every flaw and foible will at the very least be seen at close range on millions of screens. Life at the top may magnify defects: Tyson's hardly needed much magnifying to seem repellent. He went, unrepentant, to jail for raping a beauty queen; he emerged equally unrepentant and earned a huge sum of money for unremarkable lights in his first 18 months of freedom. His lifestyle paraded a sudden interest in Tolstoy and Marx, conversion to Islam, clusters of bodyguards and visits to "lap-dancing" bars in Manhattan. His style in and out of the ting suggested that he had never had time ar any distinction between violence and the

sport of boxing. Once every decade or two, a sport throws up an invincible. The ultimate challenge thrown down before the very greatest sportsmen is to combine civilised behaviour with ruthless competitiveness. Bjorn Borg not only outplayed John McEnroe on court 

but revealed himself to be the stronger character at resisting the temptations of tantrums. The austere sense of purpose which kept Jahangir Khan unbeaten on the squash court for almost a decade was a behaviour lesson in itself. Both Cassius Clay and Joe Louis dominated the boxing ring for years on end without ever displaying the venomous sadism which colours Mike Tyson's fighting persona.

The crowd roared when Evander Holyfield stood up to Tyson not only because a crowd loves an underdog, but because boxing fans never felt that Tyson belonged in the pantheon of heroes, however powerful a boxer he may be. Holyfield's own personality could have been chosen by an unseen author trying to make Tyson's downfall into a parable: Holyfield is as unassuming as Tyson is insistent on being in the world's face. Holyfield has made himself a true hero: only he and Clay have ever won back the world title twice. He even became a a hero to sportsmen of mature years everywhere by punching Tyson into incoherence at the ripe age of 34. Holyfield's victory has also ended the fixing of top heavyweight bouts in which Tyson was repeatedly provided with the weakest available opponents.

The world's audience harboured a sneaking feeling that all isn't right with boxing if a man like Tyson seems unbeatable. Many women may have felt that boxing's impresarios should not have indulged a convicted rapist. But since Tyson was allowed to fight, the next best thing was his

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Uncontrolled new powers for police

From the Director of Liberty

Sir. On November II the House of Lords will debate the Police Bill, which for the first time regulates the police use of listening devices.

It has been for a chief constable to

authorise the placing of these devices on private property, and the rules for doing so have been secret. Although the rules are now contained in the Bill. police forces will still be able to authorise themselves to trespass on private property in order to place listening devices wherever they like, with-out needing the consent of a judge or magistrate, which would of course be necessary if the police wished to search our homes. Why does Michael Howard apparently think it is less invasive to place such a device in our living rooms or even our bedrooms than it is for the police to search them?

Furthermore, the legal test that the chief constable will have to consider before the police authorise themselves will be subjective. The Bill uses the words "thinks it necessary" as the test

for the use of a bug. These new powers will allow the police not only to plant devices but also, should they wish, to gather intelligence by snooping around the premises, reading correspondence and copying documents; and, unlike other such legislation, the Bill provides no special protection from an over-zealous chief of police for situations involving lawyers discussing matters with their clients, doctors with their patients or journalists with their

The complaints mechanism proposed within the Bill will be as ineffective as those for telephone tapping and surveillance by the secret services, which have never yet upheld one single complaint. I hope that their Lordships will consider carefully the implications for such inadequately controlled powers.

#### Magistrates' chairman

From Mr Alex Alagappa, JP Sir, I note that the Magistrates Asso-

ciation, which represents 29,000 Justices of the Peace, is divided on who should be elected as chairman treport, October 31). The 29,000 magistrates will have no

say in the choice of chairman as the decision will be taken by the 110 members of the council. This outmoded and archaic system should be reviewed immediately, so that ordinary members can have a vote on this

If Mrs Anne Fuller, the present deputy chairman, is the most suitable candidate then she should be elected regardless of the fact that the association would then have its third conse-

Yours faithfully ALEX ALAGAPPA. 1 Park Farm Close. Pinner, Middlesex. November 5.

From Mr John Atwood, JP

Sir, I refer to your recent report on the forthcoming election of a new chairman of the Council of the Magistrates Association.

While not questioning the qualifications and good intentions of the pre-sent candidates, I wonder if one day we shall see someone elected to that office that clearly indicates to society that magistrates are genuinely drawn from all walks of life. Not for the foresecable future, I fear.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ATWOOD, 32 Wheatlands Park. Redcar, North Yorkshire. November 1.

#### Purpose of GCSE

From Sir Wilfred Cockcroft

Sir, You assert in your leading article. "The real prizes" (October 31), that the GCSE was "designed to cushion those who did not learn from the consequences of their failure". To my mind this casts a slur on the character and integrity of Sir Keith (later Lord) Joseph who, as Secretary of State for Education, oversaw the introduction of the new system of examinations merging O level and CSE.

His arguments at the time involved finding a way to replace a grading system based on percentages of candidates to be passed, and creating sylla-buses to match the abilities of candidates (with limited grades for the less

He made clear in all his work on examinations that his aim was to design a school-leaving qualification which would show what most school-leavers knew, understood, and could do". whatever the extent of that knowledge might be. Whatever your view of the way the examination has developed, it was never Sir Keith's intention to cushion those who did not learn from the consequences of their actions.

Yours faithfully. WILFRED COCKCROFT (Chairman and Chief Executive, Secondary Examinations Council, The Old Rectory. Warmington, Banbury, Oxford.

#### Oxford's choice and dons' autonomy

From Dr Dennis J. Farrington.

Sir, It is Oxford University's business to decide how it develops its curriculum, proposes to develop its campus and responds to offers of funding (letters, November 7). The real significance of the debate at Oxford is that there is a dehate in the academic community at all.

If this were almost any other university run by a lay-dominated governing body, there would be no opportunity for the academic and equivalent staff to exercise control over its activities, as the Congregation has done over the Hebdomadal Council, its executive body.

My experience as a university administrator leads me to believe that there is a growing opinion in universities that we should turn the clock back to the days when the professional academic community had ultimate control over planning and development.

A principal cause of the near-collapse of higher education in this country is the mability of professionals, other than through the wholly unnecessary and confrontational medium of industrial action, to resist government attacks on funding and the introduction of excessive layers of bureaucracy, audit and assessment, just as in the National Health Service. Margaret Thatcher's Government can be blamed for much of this but both major political parties when in power have agreed to university constitutions which concentrate real power in

Sound administration and management of resources, with external, un-paid advice from suitably qualified

people, is of course both necessary and welcome. But if a university is not "community of scholars" asserting its autonomy, deciding its own policies and exercising responsible con-trol over resources, then what is it? The answer to that question may perhaps form the basis of Sir Ron Dear-

Yours sincerely.
DENNIS FARRINGTON, 21 Ochlochy Park, Dunblane, Perthshire. Navember 8.

From Mr Nicholas Morris

Sir, Oxford men and women who have gone on to careers in business will have learned with incredulity and despair of Congregation's vote putting in jeopardy proposals for a business school in the heart of Oxford which the generosity of Mr Wafic Said would make possible. It shows a truly depressing attitude in a great university to its obligations in today's world.

Many of us have contributed to the

university's recent appeal, the Campaign for Oxford, because we want to see our university maintain its standing as a centre of excellence renowned throughout the world. Those who voted against the proposal should ponder whether this is the way to sustain that position or to retain the support of its

Yours faithfully, N. G. U. MORRIS, Woodfield House, Oxford Road. Clifton Hampden, Oxfordshire. November 6.

#### Libraries' bid for funds

From Ms Anne Campbell, MP for Cambridge (Labour) and others

Sir, Monday, November II, is the deadline for the submission of bids for Millennium Commission funding. One of the bids submitted, by Information for All, a company established by the Library Association and the Library and Information Commission, is for the provision of at least one computer terminal in every library in the UK to provide access to electronic information services such as the In-

We already live in an era where only the privileged minority have access to computers and where an even smaller number of people are fortunate enough to be connected to information on the Internet. Direct action is needed if we are to stem the growth of an information underclass and a society in which a significant part of the workforce is unable to access the computer skills necessary to keep our nation competitive. Already some 45 per cent of libraries in the US have Internet access — at present only 3 per cent

of libraries are linked-up in the UK. Information for All's bid will ensure that everyone, whoever they are and

wherever they live, will have access to the full range of electronic information services, whether for personal use, or for business, training or further education. It will also ensure that those who have never before operated a computer will have access to training by properly qualified library staff.

There is undoubtedly strong competition for millennium funding, and the commissions's task of selecting the most deserving bids is by no means enviable. However, if Information for All's bid is successful, then we shall see an end to the growing division between the information "haves" and have nots", and a new and important beginning for the public library service as we enter the next century.

Yours etc. ANNE CAMPBELL (Labour). OSFANNA CUNNINGHAM (Scottish National Party), NIGEL EVANS (Conservative). GLENDA JACKSON (Labour). ROBERT McCARTNEY (UK Unionist). ROBERT MACLENNAN (Liberal Democrat). JON OWEN JONES (Labour). House of Commons, November 8.

#### Biblical cargoes

From Mrs Rosemary Wilkinson

Sir, It is unlikely that John Masefield was quite as prescient as Mr Clive Thomas believes (letters, November 4) when he wrote "Quinquireme of Nineveh from distant Ophir". He was clearly referring to the cargoes described in the Bible.

The King James version has many references to ships carrying ivory. apes and peacocks, sandalwood, cedarwood and wine - as, for example. Kings x, 22. Ophir is referred to in the 45th Psalm and I Kings ix, 28 as a source of ivory and gold.

It is interesting how the Uluburum wreck, which can be so precisely dated to around 1316 BC from the firewood on board, shows that the Bible gives us some factual records of these ancient times.

Yours faithfully. ROSEMARY WILKINSON. 27 Blackbrook Park Avenue, Fareham, Hampshire. November 7.

#### C. S. Lewis celebrated

From Mr Michael Ward

Sir, In a leading article on November 2 you applauded the vision of Richard Hooker, the 16th-century theologian. It is appropriate that on the same page your correspondent Mrs Pamela Strachan should have suggested a celebration of Hooker's modern-day equivalent, C. S. Lewis, whose centenary falls in 1998. I am pleased to report that such a celebration is already being planned.

A large conference will be held in Oxford, books will be published, and the President of Magdalen. Lewis's old college, has agreed in principle to the erection of a commemorative In addition, the Royal Mail has de-

cided to issue a set of centenary Yours faithfully. MICHAEL WARD

(Centenary Secretary, Oxford University C. S. Lewis Society), The Kilns, Lewis Close, Oxford. November 4.

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Decline of song thrush

From Dr Mark Avery and Dr Stephen Baillie

Sir, Chemicals which are used to kill slugs and snails could be causing the decline of the song thrush (report. November 6k but so could many other factors, such as the loss of hedgerows. the switch from pasture to arable farming, the effects of predators, increasing road traffic and the use of pesticides in general. Our organisations are investigating these and other possible causes in a joint, three-year research project.

Song thrush numbers have declined by more than half in the past 25 years to about one million pairs. They are still as widespread, but there are fewer of them, and the rate of decline is very worrying. We believe that, as with other once-common farmland birds, such as the skylark, the most likely cause of falling numbers is changes in farming methods from mixed to more specialised and intensive farming.

Yours faithfully. MARK AVERY (Head of Conservation Science). Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, STEPHEN BAILLIE (Director of Populations Research), British Trust for Ornithology. c/o RSPB. The Lodge. Sandy, Bedfordshire. lovember 7.

From Mr Andrew Nahum

Sir. Your report today about the link between the declining song thrush population and the increasing use of anti-slug chemicals suggests that the presence in the soil of organic residue from oil seed rape crops is a reason for the increase in slug population. This may be so. However, the in-

crease is also an unanticipated effect of environmental concern. Moves in the past few years to stop the burning of stubble from cereal crops have led to the chopped straw being ploughed into the land. This stubble forms part of the large annual additional contribution to the slug diet.

Ironically, the straw eventually rots down to release carbon dioxide and the putative total contribution to global warming is probably the same as if it had been burnt.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW NAHUM, 19 Chalcot Road, NW1. November 6.

#### Weather forecasts: still none the wiser

From Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster Sir, I have much sympathy with those who have difficulty remembering the key elements of radio weather forecasts (letters, November 2, 5).

Mariners and yachtsmen are fortu-nate in being provided with the Ship-ping Forecast which, being delivered in a schematic way, area by area, element by element, allows retention of the facts. Television forecasts rely largely on graphic presentation — what Miss Charlton or Mr Fish say is secondary if not totally ignored.

It's those ordinary radio forecasts which are so difficult to grasp because they do not follow a set format and allow for conversational "ad libbing". I have to concede, however, that Mr John Humphrys did not tax my memory unduly the other day when he announced on Radio 4 that "you'll get a bit of everything today", even if I was no wiser as to the weather to expect in

Yours faithfully. JOHN WEBSTER Old School House, Soberton, Hampshire. November 5.

From Ms Sheila Warner

Sir, There seems to me to be an increasing tendency for broadcasters to refer to the weather forecast as a weather report, and to spend more time telling us what we have had, rather then what we will get.

In economic forecasting it is essential to understand the past in order to forecast the future but, while I may congratulate Bognor Regis on having achieved the most hours of sunshine today, I really need to know whether I will require an umbrella in Norwich tomorrow.

Yours faithfully, SHEILA WARNER European Industrial Forecasting Ltd, 252 Goswell Road, ECI. November 5.

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From Mr George Stade

Sir, Come the afternoon, clouds WILL bubble-up FROM thee west AND heavy fog WILL be followed BY pulses OF rain AND temperatures WILL

be a touch above average.

No wonder Mr Ainley's concentration is tested (letter, November 2). He is not alone.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE SLADE. o Penhayes Road. Kenton, Exeter, Devon. November 3.

#### Church traditions

From the Reverend Andrew P. de Berry

Sir, In the wake of Hereford and more especially Lincoln, with its dean and sub-dean remaining at loggerheads. the loss of their autonomy by the cathedrals (report, November 6) is a necessary development. In such circumstances the freehold becomes a menace and 900 years of tradition need to be swept aside.

But the real issue to challenge our beleaguered Anglican Church is the arrogance that arises from our traditions. From our archbishops down to many of us. the clergy, we have forgotten that service is our role, if not our sole raison d'être.

With its new logo (report, October 29), and innovative councils attempting reform, the Church of England is trying to drag itself into a semblance of modernity. But unless we the clerey address the inherent arrogance that comes with our traditions, nothing will change.

Yours etc. ANDREW de BERRY (Member, MSF Executive, Clergy Section). The Vicarage, Southwell Road, Thurgarton. Nottinghamshire. November 7.

#### Pacific poem

From Mr Keith J. Virgo

Sir. We should congratulate Daniel Wilson, the 21-year-old student from St Anne's, Lancashire, on his initiative and his subsequent appointment as poet laureate to Kiribati (report, November I). However, as the name of this South Pacific republic (not a British Protectorate as reported) is pronounced Kiribass, the last word of the penultimate line of his initial poem will need to be changed from "see". perhaps to "possess":

About all the things that they possess And which makes them feel so fortunate to live in Kiribati.

Your faithfully, KEITH J. VIRGO. Pettets Farm, East Green. Great Bradley, Newmarket, Suffolk. November 3.

#### Court briefing

From Ms Glenda Clarke

starting work for the day?

High Court trial (report, November 7). asked a barrister to explain the lottery to him as he had never bought a ticket. Could he not have informed himself about this in his own time, before

Sir, Mr Justice Blackburne, during a

Yours faithfully. GLENDA CLARKE. 24 Pembroke Crescent. Hove, East Sussex. November 8.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 9: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance ai the Royal Albert Hall.

The Duke of York, The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, The Duke of Kent, and Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, were also present. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, this afternoon attended the International Rugby Match between Scotland and Australia at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edin-burgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 9: The Prince of Wales this morning flew to Kyrgyzstan and was received in Bishkek by the State Secretary (Mr Ishinbay

His Royal Highness called on the Mayor of Bishkek (Or Borls Slaev) and afterwards visited the Leninski Rayon Home for the Elderly. The Prince of Wales later visited the New Born and Pre-

mature Babies Hospital. His Royal Highness this afternoon was received by President Akaev and, accompanied by The President, visited the Manas Auly exhibition site, was shown traditional Kyrgyz dancing, music and sports and attended a

The Prince of Wales later visited the Osh Market and afterwards attended a Recoption given by Her Majesty's Ambassador at the Gov-ernment Guest House for mem-bers of the British community in

Kyrgyzstan. His Royal Highness this evening flew to Uzbekistan and was received on arrival by the Foreign Minister (Mr Abdulaziz Kamilov). BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 10: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh laid Wreaths at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day. Wreaths were also laid by The Duke of York and The Duke of

The Princess Royal, accompu-

#### Birthdays today engagements

Professor T.E. Allibone, physicist, 93; Mrs Jane Barker, former finance director, London Stock The Queen and the Duke of Edin-Exchange, 47; Mr Harry Bramma Director, Royal School of Church Music, 60: Lord Carr of Hadley, 80; Rear-Admiral Sir Nigel Cecil, 71: Lord Dainton, FRS, 82: Mr Jonathan Fenby, Editor. The South China Morning Post, 54; Mr Ron Greenwood, former Eng-land football manager, 75; Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, 00; Lond Harold Kent, QC, 93: Sir Alister Kneller, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar, 69: Mr Rodney Marsh, cricketer, 49: Miss Demi Moore actress. 34; Miss Cristina Odone, former Editor, Catholic Herald, 36; Dr Indraprasad Patel, former Director, London School of Economics and Political Science. 72: Mr Terence Rooney, MP. 4n; Mr Richard Rowe, racehorse Tolhurst Centre for trainer, 37; Mr John Sheffield, berland, at 11.25. former chairman, Norcros, 83; Sir Peter Shepheard, architect, 83: General Sir Walter Walker, 84:

Miss June Whitfield, actress, 71:

Lurd Wolfson, 64.

Memorial service The Rev Dr Eric Heaton A memorial service for the Rev Dr Eric Heaton. Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 1979-1991. was neld on Saturday in Christ Church Cathedral. The Very Rev John Drury, Dean, officiated. Professor Christopher Brooke, FBA, gave an

accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, were present during the Ceremony.

The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards took the Salute at the March Past of Ex-Servicemen on Horse

nied by Captain Timothy Laurence

RN, and Princess Alexandra.

Guards Parade.

The Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport this evening upon the Arrival of The President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Mrs Mkapa and welcomed them on behalf of The Queen. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

November 10: The Prince Edward. Patron, National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, this evening at-tended the Fortieth Anniversary Gala Performance at the Piccadilly Theatre, London WI, followed by a Supper at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, London W8. CLARENCE HOUSE

November IO: A wreath was laid on behalf of Oueen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Major Charles MacEwan at the Cenotaph on the occasion of Remembrance Day. ST JAMES'S PALACE

ovember 10: The Prince of Wales this morning attended a Remem-brance Day Service in the gardens of the Residence of Her Majesty's Ambassador at Tashkent, His Royal Highness this after-

noon flew to Samarkand and was received by the Hokim of Sam-arkand Oblast (Mr Mardiev) before making a tour of the sites of KENSINGTON PALACE

November 10: The Princess Mar-garet, Countess of Snowdon this morning attended a Service for Remembrance Sunday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin. Stannington, Northumberland, THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 10: Princess Alexandra Patron of Leeds Castle Foundation accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening at-tended a Reception for pensioners of the Foundation and the 21st Anniversary Dinner given by the Trustees at Leeds Castle, Mald-stone Kent stone, Kent.

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent (the Lord Kingsdown, KG).

#### Today's royal

burgh attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 to mark the 25th anniversary of the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council. The Duke of York visits HM Bark Endeavour, Castlegate Quay, Stockton-on-Tees at 10.40: as pa-tron, visits Aycliffe Young People's Centre, Newton Aycliffe, Co Dur-ham, at 1150; St Theresa's Hospice, Harewood House, Darling-ton, at 250; and Faverdale Technology Centre, Darlington, at 3.40. The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, attends a corporate members' reception at Buckingham Palace at 2.50; and, as Patron of Victim Support. attends the annual meeting at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, at 4.30. Princess Margaret opens Eric organisations at Blyth, Northum-

#### Reception

Kawah British Friendship

Sheika Suad Al Sabah was present at a reception held on Thursday. November 7, at Claridges Hotel to launch the Kuwait British Friendship Society. The Ambassador of Kuwait and Sir Dennis Walters, Joint Chairmen, were the speakers. The Right Hon Jeremy Hanlev. MP. Ambassadors, Members of both Houses of Parliament and many other friends were among those present.



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Painters put their finishing touches to the ceiling of the front hall of Kenwood House in Hampstead, now transformed in blues and greens

Maj David Hugh Meyer, AAC. Maj Jan Paul De Vos, LI; Pte Mathew Geoffrey Mitchell, LI.

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#### Service dinners The King's Own Yorkshire

Light infantry (FA)
Colonel M.P. Robinson presided at the annual dinner of the 4th Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Officers' Club held on Saturday at Minden House, Pontefract.

Major R.M. Booker presided at the annual remembrance dinner of Officers of the Leads Rifles (Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) held last night at Harewood Barracks, Leeds.

#### Dinner

said: "When the room was last

redecorated in 1973, it was painted a mustardy yellow, following rudimen-

tary scrapes. What they found, was, in

fact, an undercoat for a later coat of.

graining." Helen Hughes, who has

done the research for English Heri-

tage, has used laboratory tests to identify the original pigments used. The research shows that just four

Lamb Building On Thursday, November 7, past' and present members of the Champers of Mr Ami Feder held a dinner at Trinity House in honour mark his retirement as Head of Chambers. Mr Justice Potts and Judge Leonard Krikler were among those who spoke.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Louis de Bougainville, BIRTHS: Louis de Bougamville, navigator and scientist, Paris, 1729; Pyodor Dostoyevsky, novellst, Moscow, 1821; Paul Signac, painter, pioneer of Pointillism, Paris, 1863; George Patton, American general of the Second World War, San Cabriel, California, 1885; Jein Modaded adhieles lain Macieod, politician, Skipton Yorkshire, 1913. DEATHS: Johann Zoffany, pain-ter, London, 1810; Sören Kier-

kegaard, philosopher, Copen-hagen, 1855; Thomas Trollope, writer, Clifton, Avon, 1892; Sir Edward German, composer, London. 1936; Sir Alan (A.P.) Herbert, writer and politician, 1971. The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, was unveiled and an

Unknown Warrior was buried in Westminster Abbey, 1920. let hips. Flowers that can still

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr M.R. Ash and Miss V.K. Lyon

The engagement is announced be tween Michael Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ian Ash, of Cambridge Square, London W2, and Vera Kathlean, eldest daughter of Mr Michael Lyon, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Valerie Lyon, of Northwich, Cheshire.

Mr P.J. Brown and Miss P.L.M. Hayday

The engagement is announced between Philip John, son of Mr and Mrs T.S. Brown, of Blakelaw. Newcastle, and Philippa Lucy.
Molfat, daughter of Mr A.V.
Hayday and the late Mrs Anne
Hayday, of Minety, Wiltshire.

Mr T.H. Colman

and Miss O. Segura Cantero The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Colman, of North wich, Norfolk, and Otilia, daugh wich, Nortolk, and Unital daughter of Captain Enrique Segura.
Garcia, Spanish Navy, and Mrs.
Otilia Cantero Junrez, of Las'
Palmas de Gran Canaria.

Captain S.W. Rayson and Dr M.M.S. Lang-Anderson The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr Sidney Pavey, of Chard, Somersel, and of Mrs Shirley Winter, of Wellington, Somerset, and stepson of the late Mr Ernest Rayson, and Maria, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Lang-Anderson and of Mrs. Elda Lang-Anderson, of Westbury-on-Tryin, Bristol.

Mr R. Thursfield and Miss C. Wilks

The engagement is unnounced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Thursfield, of Hodges Farm, Lower Froyle, and Catherine, daughter of Mrs W. Wilks, of Elm Cottage, Newnham Green, and the late Mr William Maurice Wilks.

#### Marriages

Mr J. Harries and Miss K. Metters

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, November 2, at Christ Church, West Wimbledon, of Mr John Harries to Miss Katharine Metters. The Rev Cells Thomson

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Dr Jercmy Metters, and was attended by Lindsay Harries. Mr Steven Ellion was The reception was held at Great

Fosters Hotel, Egham, and the boneymoon is being spent abroad. Mr S.W. Penrson and Mim F.M. Governmen

The marriage of Simon Pearson and Flona Gorman took place quietly in London on November 4. Mr P. Simon and Miss B. Gonsulver

The marriage sook place on Saturday at St Mary's Church, Caterham, of Mr Paul J. Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Stan Simon, of Mrs St Guernsey, to Miss Belinda Gonzalves, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Manuel Constancio Gonsalves, of London N19.

# Nature notes

SONG thrushes started singing again last week, mostly in the early morning. They are beginning to stake out their territories for next spring. Grey herons have dispersed throughout the countryside. feeding by rivers and lake-sides, and in ditches in the fields. If a powerful adult male finds a good site, it will drive all other herons off.

pigments were mixed in white lead to

create all the colours in the room,

including the purple background for the ceiling medallion. These were blue

verditer, maple yellow, carmine red and Prussian blue. They were used in

different proportions for walls, doors, and ceilings. No gold leaf was used and all the architectural trim was

painted in white, save for the skirtings.

Spanish prize

ory and culture.

Professor awarded

Sir John Elliott, Regius Professor of History and Reliow of Orisi College, Oxford, has received the Principe de Asturias Prize for

locial Sciences for his contribution

to the promotion of Spanish hist-

The prize, Spain's highest acadenic award, follows, Professor. Elliott's investiture by the Spanish Prime Minister last month with

the Grand Cross of the Order of Isabel: In Catolica. He is best known for his Imperial Spain 1469-1716, published more than 30 years ago, and his more recent The

Count - Duke of Olivares (1986).

A number of grey phalaropes have been seen by stretches of water in different parts of Britain: these small waders from the far north were probably blown in from the Atlantic on their way to

West Africa. Trees have a drabber look: many of the leaves that are clinging on are a faded yellow or brown. Some wild rose bushes are still very colourful, with crimson leaves and scar-

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and wild angelica alongside reed beds. The heavy brown clubs of bulrush, or great reed mace, are crumbling into fluffy white seed.

Salmon are going up the rivers to reach their spawning grounds in the pebbly shallows, while eels are going down river to the sea. DJM

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DEATHS

AMDREW - joan (née Whatley), who has died in Cheshire aged 85, used to live in Lowestott, Oxferd and Suásez. She is much mourned, especially by her husband, her two daughters and her son-in-law. Funeral at Chester Crematorium November 15th at 230 pm. Flowers - please ring (01829) 733808.

CROUCH - Walter, aged 79. Or 31st October (perved in 12th Royal Lances). Remembered with much love by Irls, Anna and Roger.

DEVEREIL - On November 8
1996, Helen Margaret, aged
87. peacefully, after
unstinting care at Tower
House, Shiplake. Counageous
widow of Dev. Much loved
mother of the late John, and
of Bill and Mark. Devoted
grandmother of Christopher,
8411—Rob. Surah and grandmother or Carray and Sally, Rob, Sarah and Micholas and adoring great grandmother of Coanie and grandmother of Counce and Sam and Jack Funeral emusics to Tomalin & Son Telephone (01491) 573370. Family flowers only. Donations (if desired) to

DEATHS

YMARD - Suddenly at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh on November 7th 1996 Sarah Clare Eymard, née Braithwalte, aged 54 years, much loved wife of Francis, best friend and DBAMY Francis, best friend and mother of Fabienne and much missed daughter, sester and sunt. Service at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh on Thursday November 14th at 3 pm. Private committal. No flowers please but domition if demoid to LTU. Fund, Western General Hospital.

Hospital

FOSS - On November 6th
peacefully in the Royal
Brompton Hospital Group
Captain Pattick Staw Foss
OBE aged 82 years, dearly
loved by all his family.
Private cremation.
Thanksgiving Service at
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November 14th at 3 pm.
Family flowers only,
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Bryan, on 7th November

1996, peacefully in hospital
at Canterbury. Much loved
husband of Mary, father of
jame, Peter and Polly and his
nine grandchildren. Funeral
service at 130pm on Friday
15th November at Wye
Farish Church, Ashford,
Lest Private Camention. No
Howen but donations to The
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Farm, Wye.

Farm, Wye.

MacCafe Pencerally at Mains
Court Turnberry on
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Geddes McCrae C.B.E.
Beloved husband of Nozah
and the late Marguret, loving
father of Graham and
grandiather of Floma and
fungus. Service of
Thanksgiving at Killearn
Kirk on Wednesday
November 13th at 12 noon

O'RESAN - In Cape Fazzar on October 3rd 1996 Martin sped 63. Former Chairman of Air Europa A Messarial Man to be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, High Street, Harrow Weald, Midda, on Friday November 15th 1996 at 10 am.

15th 1996 at 10 am.

ROBERTS - Douglas Arthur
(Doug) a much loved
husband of Sheila died
peacefully dh the 7th
November 1976, at The
Lyme Regis Nussing Home,
Dorsot after a long illness.
Funeral service will take
place at Turil Crematorium
on Wednesday 13th
November at 12 noon. No
flowers please Donations to
the Alzheimers Disease
Society, CAO A. Walsay &
Sons, 7A, Sliver Street, Lyme
Regis, Dorset.

\*\*\*MEMORS\*\* On November 6th
after a long illness Edgatier

August, Joseph On November 6th after a long tilness Erigndier Alan Simmons of Gunzard, Isle of Wight, very deathy loved and missed by Edna. Funeral service at St. Mildreds Church Whitmingham Esst Covers.

Funeral service at St. Mildreds Church Whippingham, Enst Cowes, on Wednesday November 13th of 3 pm. Flowers or densitions for Farkinsons Disasse Society to FL LLOyd Funeral Directors, Bridge Road, Cowes, LOW.

SHEDRE - On November 5th 1996, William Ernest Bagnall aged 84 years of Colyton, Devon Booksellar of Lincoln's inn, Beloved father and grandfather. of Lincoln's inn, Beloved father and grandfather. Funeral service is by half at St Andrew's Church, Colyton on Friday November 15 at 2gm. A memorial service in London to be announced. Enquiries glo WG Potter Funeral Directors, Availantee Tal 0.1297

Axminster. Tel 01297 7th 1996 Madeline Susan aged 94 years, a much loved dunt and friend, Funeral Sarvice to be held at Reading

MEMORIAL SERVICES Southwark Cathedral London SEI on Wednesday 13th November 1996 and 13th November 1996 and THANKSGIVING

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### LORD SHERFIELD

Lord Sherfield, GCB, GCMG, FRS. held his own on the tennis court and was a Ambassador to Washington, 1953-56, and Persuanent Secretary to the Treasury, 1956-59, died on November 9 aged 92. He was born on February 3, 1904.

distinguished off-stage figure for the latter half of the 20th century Lord Sherfield was a mandarin who enjoyed success in a wide range of activities. As Sir Roger Makins, in addition to his Washington and Treasury posts he was chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority, 1960-64.
Prime ministers regarded him as an

astanding draftsman of international agreements. He sorted out the mess in Iran after Mossadegh seized the oil wells and mapped out an acceptable international arrangement. The Colombo Plan extending the economic umbrella in Asia owed much to him, too

When retirement came in Whitehall he took on a clutch of directorships, mostly financial, became widely involved in education and took to farming 1,000 acres. His work in the House of Lords for science attracted attention. As chairman of the scientific committee he produced two reports on the future of science that were so significant that the Royal Society elected him, at 82, a Fellow, an honour given sparingly to non-scientists. He was responsible for something close to his heart, the setting out of how scientific developments should be processed through the corridors of Whitehall to give maximum impetus to their future. It was readily adopted.

Sherfield was a commanding, erect igure standing oft 4in. With balding dark hair and thick beetle brows he had the look of an eagle. For him, life was for living, and certainly for enjoying. For his 90th hirthday he invited several hundred friends and relatives to climb the massive white marble stairs to the baliroom at Dartmouth House, Mayfair, for a dance that went on till the early hours.

Roger Mellor Makins was the son of Brigadier Sir Ernest Makins, from whom he inherited a fine collection of Pre-Raphaelite pictures. At Winchester he flew effortlessly through examinations. At Oxford the late Lord Franks, a contemporary, just one year younger, remembered him as a slow starter until his third year at Christ Church when he ran the commentoration ball and, overnight, his name was on everybody's lips. Invitations to country house weekends became very numerous and were welcomed especially when they were to the Scottish Borders, which he loved. As well as being a good dancer he and ambassadors crossed the oceans in would rise at 4pm and retire when the

1911.

useful shot.

good first in modern history in 1925, having been elected a Fellow of All Souls in that year. He began reading law and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1927. He never practised instead, he nook the Foreign Office examination, passing out top in his year.

Most of his diplomatic career outside best remembered as the donor of the husband's activities, as well as bearing him six children.

Makins had an unusual war fut one that was beneficial to his career. When the Earl of Swinton was posted to West Africa as a Minister Resident there, Sherfield was sent as his Foreign Office assistant. Soon he was doing the same job for Harold Macmillan in Algiers and Tunis. He and Macmillan became good friends. In 1944, with the Allied armies advancing through Italy, he was moved to be the Foreign Office man there. Macmillan, as he confided to his diary, felt the loss of

In the decade after the Second World War Makins's main tasks were dealing with the economic side of the Foreign Office and with the growing concern over the share of atomic development between Britain and the US. He was made chairman of a committee on atomic energy set up by the Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, and reporting direct to him. Makins pulled it round from being a rudderless wreck to be a powerful voice within Government. It all involved much travelling to the US with the Prime

Clouds were gathering over relationships with the US over atomic energy. The crux of the problem was that the 1943 Churchill did not have the force of a legal agreement. Thus Makins found himself in charge of a situation for the better part of a decade that, had it gone sour, would

He came down from Oxford with a

the Foreign Office was spent in the United States. His first posting there was as third secretary in 1931. There he met Alice Davis at a ball and after a few years of courtship, made difficult by distances, they married in 1934. She was living on they married in 1934. She was living on the other side of the world, acting as hostess to her father, Dwight Davis, who was Governor of the Philippines (and is Davis Cup for tennis). She was a wooderfully supportive wife in all her

such an able subordinate deeply.

Minister and other ministers.

Quebec agreement between Roosevelt and have done untold transatiantic damage. He was appointed KCMG in 1949.

His diplomatic career coincided with the end of an era when Cabinet ministers

great ships, rich in luxury, food and entertainment. He sailed the Atlantic on the Queen liners several times with both Attlee and Churchill. They gave him no trouble, but some Cabinet ministers did. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, caused particular problems.

Bevin was captivated by the ship's night life, the dancing, the cabaret, the uppercrust bingo. To the former trade union official it was a life beyond dreams and he determined to make the most of it. He serving in Africa with Macmillan. Within 48 hours of her arrival his wife was giving her first dinner party at the Embassy, the guest list including both Churchill and Truman. Conversation was as good as the

appointed Amhassador to Washington.

He had known Eisenhower well while

champagne. In audacious mood Churchill asked the outgoing President if he had decided on his answer for the Day of Judgment when they would both be asked to account for their dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan. Much shuffling of words and arguments followed. Both agreed they would favour judgment by their peers - a jury consisting of among others Socrates. Aristotle and Alexander the Great. The evening ended with Truman taking over the piano and

everyone joining in the singing.

Makins's period in Washington was very successful. He and his wife got on famously with the president, and this helped right down through the Administration. But all did not end happily. Whether by accident or design, Makins was on the ship returning to England when Britain and France embarked on the Suez fiasco in 1956. The homecoming Ambassador knew nothing of it, having had no warning in advance from either the Prime Minister, Anthony Eden, or the Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd. The Americans and the President in particular were furious. It took some time - and the fall of Eden - for relations to be repaired.

Makins, who had been appointed KCB in 1953 and advanced to GCMG in 1955. returned to London to become Joint Permanent Secretary to the Treasury with Lord Normanbrook, the Head of the Home Civil Service. He was to take charge of the financial and economic side of the Treasury. The Chancellor of the Exchequer responsible for this unusual arrangement was Haroki Macmillan. very soon to be the new Prime Minister.

This period at the Treasury was, in the upshot, the least successful of Roger Makins's career. Peter Thorneycroft was the new Chancellor and he called for advice more on Sir Leslie Brown, eminently qualified on the economic side, and a man who had served in the private office of three Prime Ministers. There had been deep resistance within the Treasury when a Foreign Office man was brought in at the top.

But the Prime Minister, even when things began to go wrong, stood by his choice, later offering Makins the job of Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Office. He turned it down, becoming instead from 1960 (when he was advanced

to GCB) to 1964 chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority. He saw it as an exciting, coming industry. There were also international aspects, in the handling of which he felt confident.

ocer, taking the title of Lord Sherfield. In 1966 Lord Cromer, Governor of the Bank of England, persuaded him to take the chair at Hill Samuel, then in a period of change. He was to hold the post until 1970. In middle age he took up farming, with dairy and dual-purpose herds. It was not as enjoyable as he had expected. As he said himself: "I laid down strategies that kept being overtaken by events. I was only good at driving the tractor. My mistake was not to leave everything to my wife she had an instinctive touch with farming and animals.

Winchester in the 1970s that the Malory manuscript was sold to provide scholarships, the then Labour Government, having decided that money for state scholarships to public schools would no longer be available from the public ourse. The warden and fellows decided that the school's main treasure should be sold to make funds available. A battle royal developed and spread far beyond the walls of Winchester College. It provided erudite argument in the letter columns of The Times. The most vitriolic opponent was John Sparrow, Warden of All Souls and himself a Winchester scholar. But Sherfield and the board determined that the scholarships were paramount.

For a number of years Sherfield was on the Council of the Royal Albert Hall and for 12 years chairman of the Board of Governors of the Imperial College of Science and Technology. From 1970 to 1992 he was Chancellor of Reading University. Though not a scientist himself he liked scientists.

Sherfield's interests were wide and he enjoyed them all with a cheerful intensity. He loved paintings, his garden, and music. From his mid-eighties he travelled more, going to places he had never been, flying off to South-East Asia to see a place great beauty, or a part of the environment under threat. In his 92nd year he decided to go on "a jolly" to Sri Lanka. He had been there 41 years before when he was one of the chief architects of the Colombo Plan.

Lady Sherfield died in 1985. He is survived by his two sons and four daughters. The heir to the peerage is his elder son Christopher, formerly a Foreign

In 1964 he was created an hereditary

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#### ELISABETH STOPP



from 1920 she attended the Elsie Butler, who later became Camden School for Girls. In Professor — though in an esprit de contradiction" she the turmoil of the First World War there had also been visits: disagreed with everything that to convent schools in Austria was said. It was reputedly in Edward Bullough's lectures From 1929 to 1932 she was on 19th-century German comun Exhibitioner at Girman edy that she met F. J. Stopp: College, Cambridge, where the series of lectures only she read French and German arrived at its announced subfor the Modern Languages ject by Tripos-time, when she Tripos, gaining a First in Part and he were all of the One and an upper second in audience that remained. Part Two. She attended the

High School for two years Elisabeth Stopp returned to Girton as a Research Scholar and then Bye-Fellow. Elsie Butler had wanted her to write on some 19th-century emancipated women of leners whom she found most disagree-

But Bullough directed her to a more congenial theme, the place of Italy in the work of Ludwig Tieck, whom she was After teaching at Gloucester later to call "the Selfridges of

After Builough's death she was supervised by E. K. Bennett, and by Paul Kluckhohn in Tübingen. In

Dresden she discovered bridge Doctorate of Letters. Tieck's notes on Dante flater scholars did not always acknowledge her priority). In 1937 she gained her PhD and married Freddy Stopp, who became a Catholic two years later. There were no children. During the war, which sep-

A vigorous talker who arated her from her husband for three years, she taught at St Paul's Girls School. In 1947 she neturned to Cambridge when her husband was made a university lecturer and began an outstanding career in German Renaissance studies. In 1956-57 she lectured at Royal Holloway College. She supervised for the Cambridge colleges and shared fully in her husband's work for The Modern Language Review, the University Catholic Association, and for his many undergraduates and research

students. But although recognition came late she had her own strongly marked intellectual personality. Her principal academic interest remained the German Romantic movement, particularly the Catholic writers associated with it. But her best-known work was that on the correspondence of St Francis of Sales, and her biography

of Mme de Chantal. In 1963 she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. In 1966 Cambridge made her a University Lecturer in German.

She briefly held fellowships at a number of different university institutions before being made a Fellow of Girton College in 1976. In 1982 her distinction was acknowledged

by the award, for the first time to a woman, and a non-German, of the medal of the Eichendorff-Gesellschaft, and was born in Berlin on in 1986 she received the Cam-July 30, 1905.

band played its last note, usually some-

where about 4am. Cripps, by contrast,

deplored what he saw as the decadence of

shipboard life and would retire to his

stateroom at Spm and get up at 5am.

Makins, desperate to get the two minis-

ters to work on their papers in prepara-tion for conferences in New York and

Washington, found that there was only

one hour in the day when both were up at

As President Truman bade his fare-

wells and Dwight D. Eisenhower waited

to take office as President, he was

the same time.

A rich and volatile personality of deep but troubled faith. she demanded much of herself and of those fortunate enough to enter her sphere. She believed that the contemplative life could be lived actively in the world.

mingled acerbity, merriment, and disconcerting frankness. she nevertheless kept her spirituality to herself. Few of her academic colleagues knew of her principled vegetarianism or of her devotion to the affairs of the Order of the Visitation. No one could be unaware. however, of her heroism in nursing her husband through the many years of his final illness until his death at home

In her long widowhood she mellowed into an understanding counsellor of many in the university and outside it. and she carefully tended the memory - and the graves - of past and passing Cambridge gen-erations. Despite bouts of writer's block, she remained remarkably productive. Her work on Tieck and Dante was published at last in a German iournal and a collection of her essays on German Romanti cism appeared in 1992.

By the time she died a volume of Salesian studies had reached proof stage and she had virtually completed an annotated translation of Goethe's Maxims and Reflexions. But she was on good terms with death, she said, and, with no surviving relatives, she had long been packed and ready to go.

#### Werner Gillon, ar historian, died in London on October 12 aged 91. He

WERNER GILLON was more than 70 when he wrote the first of three hooks and gained recognition as an authority in the previously almost uncharted territory of African art history. He had become interested in African influences on modern art in the 1960s and began to acquire a naive collection which grew considerably until, in 1976, it was put up for auction by Christie's.

Gillon was commissioned to

write a book, Collecting Afri-

can Art, which was published

in 1979 when he was 74. There was already a substantial literature on the history of Africa when Gillon started work on his second book, A Short History of African Art, but Gillon was the first to look at history from the perspective of the visual arts. His alluringly illustrated book, published in 1984 and dealing mainly with sub-Saharan Africa, brought to attention much that was previously unknown - including the earliest-known wood carving,

a wooden vessel from Kenya dated to 1000 BC. Gillon was in his late eighties when he began to work on a third, companion book on North African art, though this remains unpublished.

Werner Goldman - he was later to take the Hebrew name of Gillon - was the son of a Jewish Prussian army officer. He became a committed Zionist, and in 1925 left for Palestine.

Gillon was trained as an engineer but, after a short period working on a kibbutz,



went into business. In 1929. however, he was inducted into Haganah, the Jewish underground defence force, and fought for Jewish Jerusalem in the riots of that year.

WERNER GILLON

During the next ten years Gillon led a double life, travelling to Britain on business while in Palestine working for Haganah B, the active branch of Haganah. With the ourbreak of war, however. Gillon joined the British Army, serving in the Middle East Command for six years as a Captain in the Royal Engineers.

He returned to Haganah after the war, and while the Jewish rebellion was developing continued trading with Britain. But with the creation of a Jewish army in 1947, he helped to form the Corps of Engineers and took part in the War of independence the foilowing year. In June 1948 his oldest son, Yoram, was killed in action, at the age of 17. Three years later Gillon.

inexplicably to all who knew him, left Israel for an entirely

new life in England, as a director and then a partner in the trading company of Adam & Harvey. The breach with Israel was profound — Gillon was naturalised as British and although he returned repeatedly to the Middle East on private visits, he turned his attention to Eastern Europe.

A skilled negotiator and with a domineering personality, he developed burier deals with Poland, Romania and Bulgaria; he traded steel for frozen chickens from China: sold Romanian cement to Kuwait: and he brought Czechoslovakian shoes to North America. This last meant moving to New York in 1962 from where he successfully lobbied Congress to import

Communist-produced goods. In 1976 Gillon retired to Britain, ending his life, as it began, in the Diaspora, And a final enigma: in America he had amassed a considerable fortune. At the end it was all

His wife. Sally, died in 1989. He is survived by a son.

# Church appointments

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The Rev Roger Sciones, Vicar, Congleton St Peter and St Stephen, to be Rector, Stockport St Mary Resignations and retirements The Rev Rosemary Harrison: NSM. Kinson Team Ministry (Salisbury), to resign. Canon Edwin Morris, Rector, the

Ministry (Chester).

May 19, 1997. The Rev James Ssemakula, Assistant Chaplain, St Peter and St Sigfrid's, Stockholm, Sweden ropel, resigned on August 31.

City of Bristol (Bristol), to retire on

#### MR CHAMBERLAIN SOCIAL REFORM AND

**FOREIGN POLICY** ... Chamberlain surprised the world by himself seeking a personal interview with Hitler to try to find a solution of the crisis. The following day he was received at Berch-tesgaden, was treated with the greatest personal cordiality, and returned to London to say that discussions had begun, and another meeting would shortly be held.

Throughout those discussions Chamberlain was in a weak bargaining position, for which was in a weak bargaming position, for which not he individually but the framers of British policy over a long period of years were to blame. He now had behind him a country still very ill-equipped for war, and he knew also that very little reliance was to be placed on the fortifued of the French Government. In these circumstances he was forced to appeal to the Czechs for the utmost possible concessions, and so armed he met Hitler again at

Godesberg on September 22 Even now, however, he found the Führer's demands intolerably exorbitant: he could do no more than hand over the terms to the Czechs without any recommendation for acceptance, and they were in fact rejected. Hurried conferences were held with the

#### ON THIS DAY

#### November II, 1940 學型語音

Neville Chamberlain died on November 9, six months after handing over as Prime Minister to Winston Churchill. His obituary reviewed his vain attempts to prevent the outbreak of war. Chamberlain's visit to Hitler was the first time that he had ever travelled by air.

French leaders, and it was decided to support the Czechs in arms; and Parliament was summoned on September 28 in the presence of a German ultimatum, expiring on October 1. War on that day appeared certain. The Fleet

was mobilised; evacuation of London had begun; and trenches were being dug in the parks. But Chamberlain's speech was dramatically interrupted by the delivery of a message from the Foreign Office, to the effect that Hitler had consented to a four-power

conference the following day.

It was instinctively recognised that the crisis was averted; and in fact when Chamberlain

and Daladier met Hitler and Mussolini at Munich an agreement was reached, whereby the two former undertook to persuade the Czechs to a settlement by which, indeed, they must make grievous sacrifices, but which, if afford a reasonable compropies between the

incompatible claims of the two races To this agreement was appended a separate declaration, signed by Chamberlain and Hitler, by which they pledged their countries hencelorward to settle all their differences by peaceful means: and this Chamberlain brought home to England, proclaiming con-

fidently that he brought "peace in our time". In the immense relief of tension brought by deliverance from the imminent threat of war the world was disposed to agree with him. For a little while he was the most popular personage in Europe, even in Germany his visits had been triumphal progresses.

But the reaction was swift. A large body of critics held that he had been guilty of a pusillanimous surrender to blackmail, and the bitter division of opinion has continued from that day to this. But the most violent denouncer of "Munich" has never indicated a practical alternative policy that Chamberlain, in his actual position as representative of a parity armed nation, could have pursued. . .

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#### **NEWS**

### Commons challenge for Heseltine

■ Michael Heseltine will be challenged in the House of Commons to explain the circumstances in which he ordered senior civil servants to promote Conservative policies.

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, intervened to prevent the Deputy Prime Minister using Whitehall officials to draw up teams of "cheerleaders" to praise the Government's achievements. Mr Major had endorsed the plan .......Page 1

#### Misses are a hit for dress sense

Teachers at a comprehensive school found themselves promoted as the fashion models of their profession after winning a glowing testimonial from Gillian Shephard. The Education Secretary recalled the women "looking as though they had stepped out of the pages of Vogue" when she visited Earlham School in Norwich....

#### **Eurotunnel inquiry**

Ten big City banks and stockbrokers will be asked to supply top secret documents for an investigation into allegations of insider dealing in shares in Eurotunnel...

#### Labour pledge

Labour will promise business it would veto any moves by the EU to force Britain to accept expensive European social security legislation and workers on company ... Page 2 boards.... Silent memory

#### Two-thirds of the population will observe two minutes' silence today, although some major employers have declined to take

#### ...... Page 3 Jet crash tragedy

The girlfriend of a British oilman killed in a plane crash in the Nigerian jungle said that he had been on his way home to propose formally to her ..... ...Page 4

#### Family breakdown

The breakdown in family life and traditional moral values in Britain is linked to the widespread decline in churchgoing and orthodox belief, acording to church leaders ..... .. Page 5

Mother threatened THE mother of a man who died after he was beaten up in his front garden has received death threats only a week after his killers were ....Page 6

#### Concern over 'juries'

The growing use of "citizens' juries" to help public authorities to make decisions about local issues is causing alarm because too many jurors are unemployed or 

#### On screen discipline Political and television history

will be made when proceedings of the Standards and Privileges Select Committee, the MPs disciplinary "court", are broad-......Page 8

Jews' killing 'known' British intelligence knew about the widespread massacre of Jews as early as 1941 in the Second World War, according to newlyreleased records of decoded German cubles ......Page 9

#### Taxing weekend

The Italian Government appears to be backtracking over unpopufar planned tax rises after a weekend of massed opposition on the streets of Rome...

#### MEP under cover

The MEP Glenys Kinnock, wife of the former Labour leader. posed as a tourist to meet the Burmese opposition leader. Aung San Suu Kyi...... Page 12

#### The Dole question

American Republicans are asking why they saddled themselves with such a poor presidential candidate as Bob Dole - and who his successor will be ...... Page 13

#### Band in the stand for England

The England football team is expected to have its own band in the stand when it meets Italy at Wembley for the World Cup qualifier in the new year. The Kop Band has been recruited by Glenn Hoddle, the team coach, who saw it performing for its home team, Sheffield Wednesday, and decided it needed beefing up with a horn section .....



Bugler Fred Watts playing the Last Post at the Remembrance Service on HMS Invincible in the Gulf

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VAT challenge: The Government could be faced with repaying billions of pounds of wrongly-paid VAT if a legal challenge to the existing three-year cap on refunds is successful.... ... Page 48

BBC sell-off: Four bidders, including Securicor, are battling to take control of the BBC transmission service, which is to be privatised next month .....

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Settlement failure: Crest, the Stock Exchange's new electronic share settlement system, has been hit by problems, leaving brokers waiting for payments ......Page 45

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new show looks at Turner's first tour to the North and the impact it ...... Page 18 had on ..... Dramatic insight: A powerful new

production of The Legend of Pericles proves what an underrated work it really is ...... Page 19

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cast and wet. Winds becoming strong easterly. Cold. Max 9C (48F).

ikely near east coasts.

FEATURES Armistice Day: A country that neglects its national memory will be careless about its national future.

Kenneth Baker on the two-minute

silence at liam ..... Nightmare journey: Catherine Moseley speaks for the first time about the kidnapping of her boyfriend, Paul Wells, in Kash-

Dirty linen: The Marks family have always kept their private life very private. Now the much-married Lord Marks has plunged them into a bitter legal battle........... Page 17

MIND AND MATTER Life on Mara: An American scientist believes the Viking mission discovered primitive life on the Red Planet 20 years ago......Page 14

#### TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

TRUE TO LIFE How Lynn Redgrave has turned the story of her famous family show for the West End

Boxing: The surprising defeat of Mike Tyson by Evander Holyfield, essentially a quiet and modest man, has brought the heavyweight division back into the light after years of domination by Tyson and the bullying tactics of his 

Boxing: Nigel Benn was right to confirm his retirement from the ring after his defeat by Steve Collins in Manchester ...... Page 27 Football: Glenn Hoddle showed how quickly he has adapted to the

demands of the job by impressively overseeing England's 2-0 victory over Georgia in a World Cup qualifying match

Footbell: Scotland boosted their prospects of qualifying for the 1998 finals in France with a spirited 1-0 victory over Sweden in Giasgow. The Republic of Ireland, however, could only draw 0-0 with Iceland in Dublin ...

Rugby Union: Australia confirmed that they are increasingly putting pragmatism above style in their 29-19 victory over Scotland at Murrayticid .....

AND THE STATE OF The winning numbers: 8, 24, 27, 41, 43, 49, bonus 5. Three tickets with six numbers won £3,487,052 each; 30 with five and the bonus won £107,293 each: 852 with five won £2,361 each; 58,931 with four won E75 each; and 1,137.467 with three won £10 each.

### And then silence

At the heart of the Armistice Dav ceremony only silence can signify at once solemnity and intimacy. physical absence and metaphysical presence, mortality and eternity ...

TYLISTINGS

Preview: The start of a comprehen-

sive view of the Great War, 1914. 1918 (BBC2, 7pm) looks at the

outbreak and the key personalities Review. Matthew Bond boned up

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#### Stop the act

Kenneth Clarke has a chance today to make a principled case against interference by Brussels in the fiscal policies of national governments - and especially those of countries outside the single currency bloc.....

#### Tyson toppled

Tyson has been at the top quite long enough: and he was never the ideal symbol to dominate any

#### COLUMNS

MATTHEW PARRIS Most of Blair's advisers are amateurish, conspiratorial and unprofessional. If they were really any good, we would not have heard of them. This sort of thing destroys most emperors in the end. It destroyed Harold Wilson and was instrumental in Margaret Thatcher's demise. It is depressing to see that this has started with Mr Blair

even before he has been

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#### elected .... PETER RIDDELL

More than 470 charter schools also now exist across America. Like grant maintained schools, they are independent within the public sector, receiving the average tuition costs for the area. But they are new schools, set up by teachers and parents, and they compete with state schools ...... Page 20

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New powers for the police: Oxford business school; weather forecast; . megistrates", chairman: libraries lottery bid; GCSEs; decline of song เท้าบริก ....

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# THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,322

**ACROSS** I Rash behaviour in carriage going

- round Circle Line (5). 4 Popular champion making many 9 So tragic, I collapsed, being totally abandoned (9).
- 10 Copper, possibly, encountered a sign of inexperience (5). 11 Behave like Lady Godiva and abandon restraint! (3.4.4.4).
- 12 Leather made by husband in compound (h). 14 Father's attempts to make cakes
- 17 It may bear the stamp of a first-
- 19 Equipment for shooting arrived
- before gunners (0). 22 A little salmon announced as part
- of meal, as usual (3,3,3,b). 24 Some recall a majestic beast (5). 25 Sweetheart accepted thanks after

returning scent (9).

Berloup

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzie No 20.321 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

- 26 Appearance of first characters before apron stage (9). 27 Kind old writer (5).
- DOWN I Free to travel, having abandoned infantry first (4).
- 2 Entertaining part of what you're doing? (5).
- 3 Longed for study taken up after some time (7).
- 4 Slow to understand such an angle
- 5 Irish girl caught taxi going up for game (S). 6 Such a blameworthy action could
- get me tried (7). 7 One's come down to earth after a short but brilliant career (9).
- 8 In US city, look over new synthetic material (5).
- 13 Stout hag for one possessing wine 15 Story concealed by second officer
- 16 Hothead pinches wood in malice

in no-win situation (9).

- 18 Carelessly tear old acrobat's gear 20 Loving a type of sherry mostly found round university (7).
- 21 Reportedly travels around selling bicycle parts (b). 22 Supporter of current conductor gets piano for 8's opening (5). 23 Cash immediately available for

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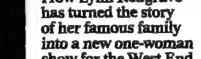


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General: southern counties from South Wales to Sutfolk will become overcast and wet with strong assterly winds. The Midtands will cloud over. The North will be bright or surnry with a few coastal showers in the east.

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I N Wales, NW, Central N England,
Lake District, IoM, SW Scotland,
Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll,
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Winds light or moderate easterly. Cold. Max 8C (46F). Max 3C (407).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: bright with surry intervals and sleet or snow showers. Winds light becoming moderate easterly. Cold. Max 27 (455) 7C (45F) Outlook: wet, windy weather in South

DE Anglia, Midlands, S Walest bright, trosty start, becoming cloudy, rain in south later. Winds treshening from east. Cold. Max 8C (4dF) slowly clearing; brighter settled con-ditions spreading from the North. AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY



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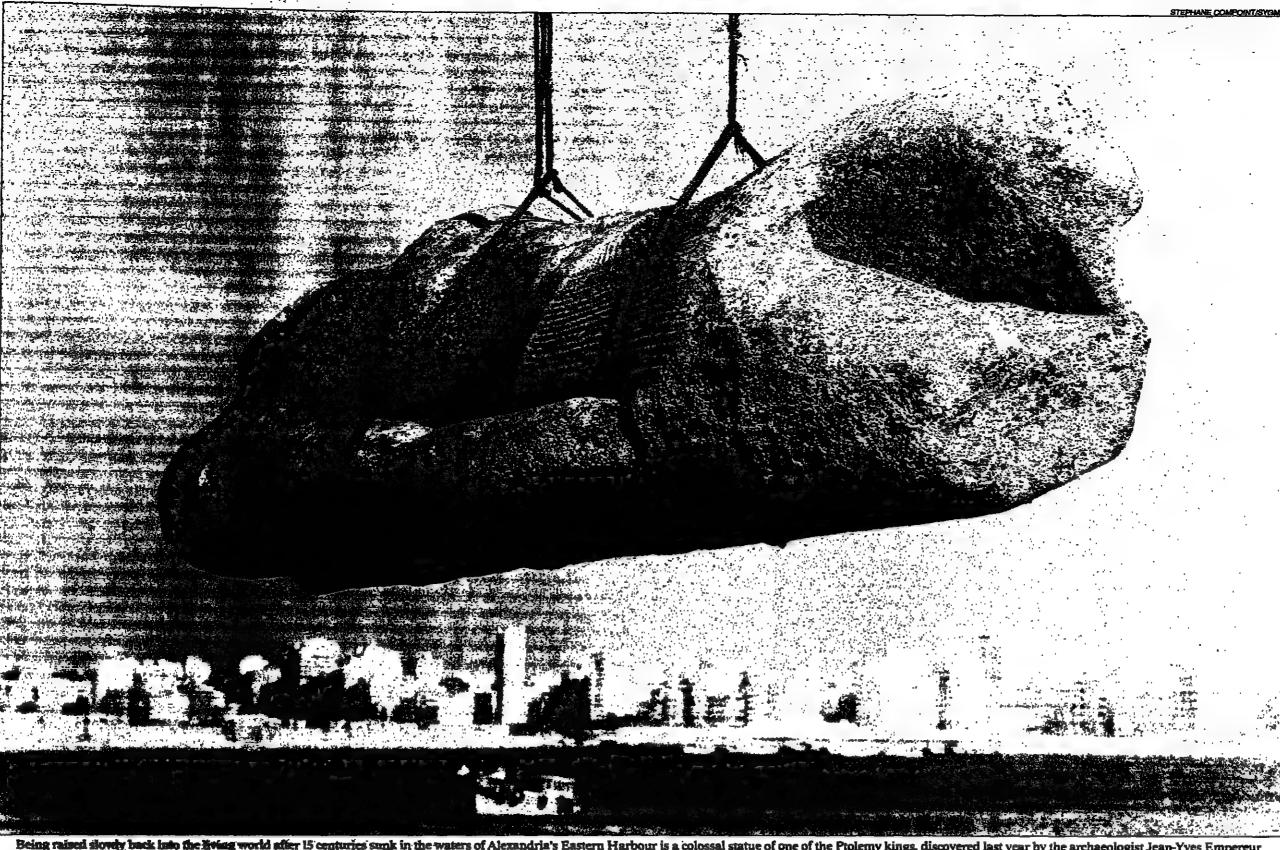


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# Cleopatra's treasure trove

The dream city is rising from the sea, Marine archaeologists are rediscovering ancient Alexandria, sunk for 15 centuries beneath the mucky waters of the Eastern Harbour, And so in the process they are recovering more than the drowned palaces of the Ptolemies. For Alexandria, the first open city, is as much a mother of Western civilisation as Athens or Rome.

Other cities have kept monuments of their past. Modern tourists can climb the Acropolis or see the Roman wall of London by Tower Hill Tube Station. But Alexandria had vanished beneath the ugiy modern town and the water. Until now, all that was left was the memory.

But the prototype cosmopolis plays protagonist in our folk memory. Open cities are the mothers of open societies, and Alexandria was the first open city. To paraphrase Gibbon, il a man were called to fix the city in the history of the ascient world where the condition of the human race was most happy and prosperous, he would without hesitation name Alexandria 21

Of course, it was a help to be free and male — though Cleopatra was Queen. The patriarchal Romans were as shocked by the sex of the ruler of Egypt as they were frightened by her eastern power. But Alexander founded his city as the first example of the his city as the first example of the world empire he planned, and almost made. The historian

#### As archaeologists unveil ancient Alexandria, PHILIP HOWARD celebrates perfection in a city

Arrian says that Alexander himself marked out the main points of the city with the meal his soldiers were carrying. This was taken as a good omen for the prosperity of the city, where East and Africa met West, But it also suggests that Alexander was a good general, who took care that his troops marched with food to spare.

Modern Alexandria looks like

any other run-down eastern Mediterranean port. But ancient Alexandria was a model of town planning. The early travel writer Strabo described it for us in the latter half of the first century BC. Like New York, it was laid out with a gridiron of parallel streets, each of which had its attendant subterranean canal. (Sewers in New York.) The two main streets, each 200ft wide and lined with colonnades, intersected down-town. The island of Phares, withits lighthouse that gave the world one of its Seven Wonders and its name to lighthouses in many languages, was joined to the main-

land by a causeway a mile long.

There were more Jews in the Jewish quarter than in any other city. The western sector was occupied mainly by Egyptians. The Royal or Greek quarter. where the archaeologists are diving was Maylair. But apart from being a safe

city, where East met West and anybody could scratch a living, Alexandria invented the public goods of civilisation. Food, olive oil, wine and other essentials came easy in the granary of the Mediterranean. The trade routes brought luxuries from the round earth's imagin'd corners. In his 15th Idyll, Theocritus gives an account of two middle-class Alexandrian ladies gossiping about the big shopping at the market and their expensive frocks, the crowds in the city and the stupidity of their husbands.

t may not have been quite the first, but the Alexandrian library was the great-est. It preserved our literature. And its scholar librarians contributed to the high rhetoric and cosmopolitan learning of Hellenistic literature.

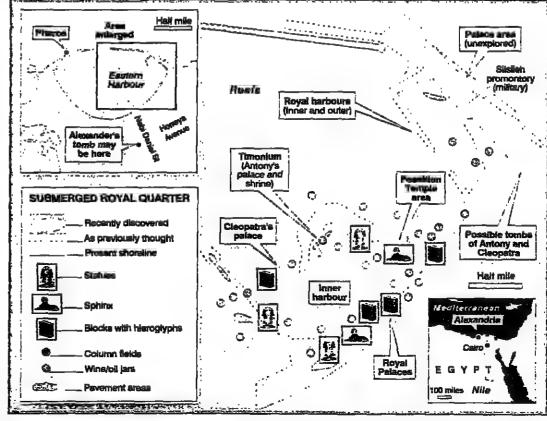
Alexandria had the first Museum, where resident scholars gave public lectures. They still do in modern museums founded on the Alexandrian model. Cleopa-tra attended its discussions. Beside the Museum was the theatre. the racecourse and the zoo.

The temples, shrines and synagogues were built for a city as tolerant of religion as of race. These have long vanished beneath the sea and sand. But you can still get some idea of their size and grandeur from Cleopatra's Needle in London. This granite obelisk was cut from the quarries of Aswan . A romantic, though implausible tradition has it that it went to Alexandria as a memorial to a son Julius Caesar had with Cleopatra. With its sister Needle. in New York, it was a mere gatepost to Alexandria's Caesarium. the Temple to Augustus. But buildings, however grand, are but the bones of a city. The breath is its people. And the life of Alexandria casts a long shadow. An open society is the seedbed of literature. And Alexandria still

haunts writers. Cavafy the Greek lived in Alexandria, and circulated his poems to a select group. In The City he tries to explain the mystery of Alexandria in plain language: "You won't find a new country, won't find another shore. This city will always

The conjunction of Alexandria and world war worked in Olivia Manning and Penelope Lively to produce their best novels (Balkan Trilogy and Moon Tiger, respec-tively). The cosmopolis of human memory inspired E.M. Forster's Alexandria, a kind of Guide to Memory. And Lawrence Dur-rell's Alexandria Quartet is the novel of the guide, in which time. place and memory crisscross like the roads of old Alexandria.

The death of Cleopatra, celebrated by Horace and described by Plutarch, was dramatised by Dryden and many others, as well



as Shakespeare. The latter was exaggerating the civic amenities of Alexandria when he had Cleopatra invite Charmian to the municipal billiards' hall. But Cleopatra remains a potent theme for the imagination. Nostalgia, exile and time haunt

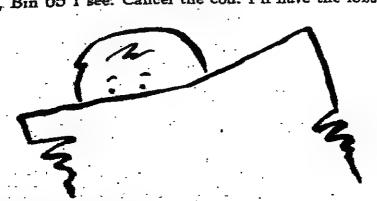
Alexandria. If any of the old city survived, it would haunt us less. In other cities you can visit the Colosseum, walk the wall. In Alexandria, until now, there were only ghosts and intimations. Here Alexander may have lain in his golden coffin. Perhaps

committed suicide here. It is the city of exile and nostalgia. In Alexandria Theocritus from Sicily invented the idyll, the precursor of Bob Dylan's windy songs. "O singer

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"Ah, Bin 65 I see. Cancel the cod. I'll have the lobster."

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ate Roddick had a persistent cold. Ten years ago she consulted a visiting Tibetan doctor in her native Scotland. He took her pulse and examined her tongue. Then he told her that when she was 17 she had suffered kidney problems, and again two years ago when she was 25. He cured both cold and

The encounter led Ms Roddick to Dharmsala in the Indian Himalayas to learn the principles of Tibetan medicine — and me to her consulting rooms in Edin-

Now patience, dear reader. know the very notion of Tibetan medicine sounds medieval. These tonsured chaps view health as a balance between the "humours" in the body: rLung, or "air": mkhris-pa or "fire": and had-kan or "earth and water". Illness is because one humour comes to dominate. It all sounds like the views of

a Middle Ages' monk. Most people are a mix of types, the theory goes. You can tell which humour donunates by your symptoms. So the over-aired tend to perspire little, suffer from insomnia, constipation, back pains, dry skin and flatulence. Their minds flit, they feel the cold, and their ears hum. They are susceptible to pyschological illnesses, such as anxiety, asthma, and heart conditions linked to stress and back pains, and tend towards restlessness and thoughtfulness.

Those dominated by fire unsurprisingly perspire often, have weak livers and easily overheat. They feel thirsty, have a bitter taste in their mouths and suffer diarrhoea. They are likely to suffer from eczema, headaches and nausea. They can be impatient, angry. clever.

Continued from page I of Persephone!/ in the dim meadows desolate/ Dost thou remember Sicily?" I'll bet he remembers Alexandria, preparation for Hades, Oscar.

ld Alexandria faded. as cities must. Augustus disliked Egypt because it voted for Antony. who had nearly stopped his resistible rise to become Master of the Universe. So he kept the entreport of Em-pire tucked in his imperial pocket. But Christian sectarianism burnt more fiercely there than anywhere and destroyed its ancient tolerance. Arianism was invented in Alexandria, and Athanasius, whose creed

and water can be overweight, stubborn, with distended stomachs, indigestion and cold feet. They are slow and tend to laziness but are dependable.
Ms Roddick's first task

sharp and ambitious. And

those dominated by earth

was to identify my type. This did all get quite medieval. She took my pulse, but not as a nurse takes it. No stopwatch to hand, she "sensed" the state of the three hu-mours by checking a variety of pulses.

Then she examined my tongue and confirmed her diagnosis with a good look at my pee. Ms Roddick shook and whisked my sample with a chopstick. It was transparent with big bubbles, meaning the person has a cold nature and slow circulation

ike most Westeners, I suffered from too much air. Too much most Europeans are stressed. I needed heating up. Part of the answer was warming foods. "You should eat lamb, butter and molasses," Ms Roddick said. "And you should avoid cold foods. such as salads and icecream, or have a hot drink before meals. Ginger tea is particularly good. Base your diet around chicken, meat broths, cheese, onions, carrots, garlic and spices, spinach and greens," she said

The problem with eating supposedly healthy, cold foods such as yoghurt and salad is that it damps down this fire. So food is ill-digested, which can lead to flatulence, water retention and heart disease.

And the other part of the answer was a glorious massage, there and then, using the heating oils of ginger and cardamom.



I would say the whole thing was gobbledygook. Fooey. Bunkum. It's hard to swallow a doctrine which fails to chime conventional wisdom: eating

fat, for example. Gobbledygook but for one thing. During our consultation, post-tongue and pee inspection, Ms Roddick seemed to have an uncanny way of knowing my physical traits. "Do you suffer from cold feet?" Answer yes. "Do you get aches in your lower back?" Answer yes. "Do you ever feel dizzy?" Answer yes. lence?" Answer yes. Now how did she know all that? "The Tibetans keep the

"Do you suffer from flatu-

Ms Roddick says. They have every kind of high-tech medicine, too, but they find that Tibetan medicine is just as effective for many conditions and much cheaper because it doesn't use surgery or modern equipment." Ms Roddick believes in Tibetan doctors working alongside conventional ones.

The problem is a paucity of practitioners in the West who

would provide any comprehensive kind of test. Tibetan medicine has not been subjected to clinical trials.

separation between mind and body is becoming commonplace among West-ern doctors. Mental and emotional states, such as desire and anger, can have as clear an effect on health as

can the wrong food.

I followed Ms Roddick's advice. My feet are warm and the flatulence has gone. And my husband, for one, is

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#### "GIFTS"

n old curling partner of mine was over from Canada the other day, and much taken with the raffia place mat on which the waitress had just positioned a dish of dill and lemongrass

Turning the mat over, having first put aside the less interesting soup, he said, "I have never been able to find mid-sized raffia place mats in Canada. I have a set of six in the dinner-plate size, and am naturally most keen to procure such a mat. Or

And thus to the kitchenware section of a never knowingly undersold de-partment store. "Oh no, love," Ms Kitchenware said. "The raf-

fia mats are kept in Gifts." My old curlpartner like, helio?". They of-Canada, But what perverse logic makes a raffia place mat a gift and a slotted spoon something one is permitted to buy for one-

Were. Along with examples in palm leaf coiled rush. and woven coconut fibre - not good enough to buy for yourself, but perfect to give to friends. There was also a shrink-wrapped pack of six cork coasters (£1.05). Well, happy Well, happy

undoubt-

birthday. Chinese dogs (£17.50), assorted iron candlesticks. and what appeared to be petrified fruits. But why on earth would I want to give away a shiny tin banana (£8.50), when I could keep it for myself?.

A set of wind chimes (from £33 to £450) is an obvious gift, because it makes a noise so irritating you'd have to be mad to want one, and who wouldn't want a box with a glass top to fit a favourite photograph? Garry Kasparov, by the way, is thought to have made his first checkmate on a commemorative Battle of Culloden chess set (£295).

I was more tempted by the miniature Victorian pram (£79), the brass her-on (£175), the assorted African fertility gods, and the aboriginal drums. But why the fireguard? Is it possible that my family are sitting, even now, watching a dangerous fire spit embers on to the rug. desperately hoping to get a fireguard for Christ-mas? They will be disap-pointed. They are getting

"gift food". I thought gift food meant Gift food shortbread or preserved means two fruits, Apparently not. It small means two small bottles of bottles of port and an indoor skittles set port and (£9.95). Or a selection of three an indoor small marmalades of which skittles one will disappear in a single toast frenzy, set (£9.95) while the other

> two are vile D.H. Evans cleaves more to the whack-it-in-abox-with-a-ribbon-andcall-it-a-gift school of thinking. A small table marked "Marble Gift-ware" sells alabaster things called "frame" (£50), "round box" (£10),

suppose they couldn't put it in the alabaster apple As for the nodding glass dolphin and ball balancing on a stick (£6.95), I shall have to

hope my curling partner noticed the glint in my eye, and gives my girl-friend the nod before they are sold out.

won, triumphed there. The silt of the Nile and erosion of the sea buried it. Alexandria became a dead-end not a bridge. The Arabs took it in 640, after a siege of 14 months, during which the Emperor in Constantinople did not send a ship to its relief. Yet the Arab general was still able to write to his

Caliph that he had taken a city containing "4,000 palaces, 4,000 baths, 12,000 dealers in fresh oil, 12,000 gardeners, 40,000 Jews who pay tribute, 400 theatres or places of amusement". The story that the library was used as fuel for six months to heat the public baths is now

regarded as doubtful. The submerged stones being found in the harbour resurrect the ghost of an old dream. Alexandria is for ever fin de siècle and nostalgic. Failure haunts its memory, but a failure so rich that it is a kind of triumph. Cavafy

lived his old city:

You'll always end up in this city. Don't hope for things elsewhere: There's no ship for you. there's no road. Now that you've wasted your life here, in this small

You've destroyed it everywhere in the world. The spell of Alexandria is stronger even than the plea-

BARELY 20th beneath the placid surface of the Eastern Harbour of Alexandria lies a treasure trove belonging to two of the most evocative names of ancient history. Antony and Cleopatra.

day of the find follows years of toil by a French marine archaeologist. The pier on which artefacts lie forms part of an astonishingly comprehensive archaeological discovery of the royal city which formed fully a third of Ptolemaic Alexandria, founded by Alexander the Great in 332 BC.

The tumbled columns, walls and statues of the palaces that Cleopatra and Antony built 2.000 vears ago lie virtually undisturbed since they were inundated by a tidal wave following an earthquake in AD 335. The suddenness of the disaster is indicated by a cargo of lead ingots, still waiting on the quayside to be loaded aboard a Roman vessel long gone. The discovery is the work of Franck Goddio. the director of the Paris-based European Institute for

Marine Archaeology, who, with a

team of 16 professional divers and

20 archaeologists and computer

experts working from a 30ft launch in the harbour, has laboured for four years to pinpoint The announcement last Mon-

the royal residences. Among the remarkable discoveries are piers 10ft high and extending up to 650 yards out into the harbour, built of hewn limestone secured with mortar and topped with glistening paving of

the same stone. M Goddio describes the area about 2km by 1.5km - as covered in columns of rare and unusual stone, including marble, red granite from Aswan 600 miles away,

calcite and porphyry.

More than 2,000 artefacts forming the core of the royal port. religious area and palaces have been found. These are not "small finds", household objects, but large architectural features en-abling M Goddio to describe the groundplan of the royal areas.

In many aspects we could follow the description of Strabo (the Greek geographer who visited Alexandria in 25 BC) and correct



Cleopatra VII coin, circa 40 BC

him in others." M Goddio says. "But he led us to the most important find of all, the palace of Cleopatra on what was once the island of Antirrhodos."

The island, forming the north-western section of a roughly rectangular inner harbour, is about 350 yards long and 60 yards wide, and is protected by another pier at its northwestern corner. Its shape echoes the Egyptian hiero-

glyph for the word pr "house", and so, perhaps, hints at an even earlier foundation.

Though the end of royal Alexandria seems to have come suddenly, M Goddio was surprised to find that most of the marble and limestone statuary, obelisks and blocks remain where they fell, on top of the limestone paving.
Opposite Cleopatra's palace lies
the Tunonium, which served as

Mark Antony's palace and shrine. This pier, 150 yards by 30 yards, has more than 200 columns along its length, with 3ft-wide granite bases indicating the massive proportions of its buildings.

At the front of Antony's palace, and linking it to the shore, is a 650yard promontory where Antony built a temple to Poseidon, god of

On the present shoreline, archaeological work is impossible, because the area has long been built over. But just offshore lies another impressive jungle of failen blocks, statues and imported wine

and oil jars. This, M Goddio says, is where the rest of the Brucheum. the royal area, waits to be

uncovered This has been a good 12 months for Alexandrian archaeology. Almost precisely a year ago Jean-Yves Empereur, of the Centre for Alexandrian Studies, started to put the city back on the archaeological map by recovering from the sea dozens of fallen blocks from the Pharos lighthouse, since

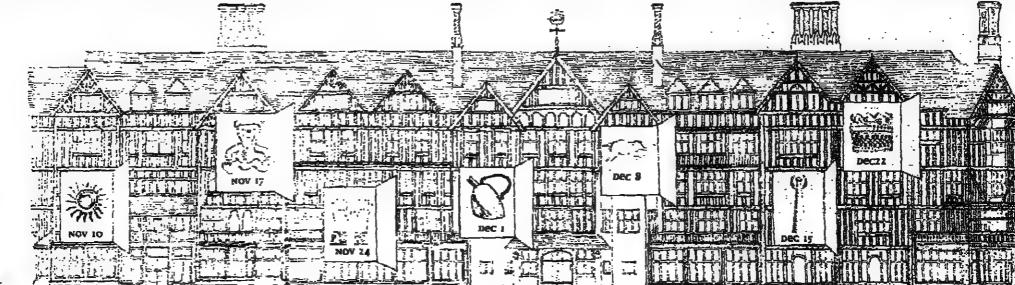
1477 the site of Qait Bay Fort.

M Goddio will bring up from
the seabed only those pieces in
urgent danger, those which might
be stolen or be shattered if left alone. "We want people to be able to see the site as it is," he says. "But I have to say at the moment that visibility in the water is very bad." The Alexandria governorate

will move sewage disposal from the harbour to new land-based works within two years. Then, perhaps, we can have glass-bottomed boats, or transpar-

ent tube walkways through the site — a real underwater mu-seum," M Goddio says. MICHAEL MURPHY

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# Snake-bark tale with a neat twist growing tree within, right

BY STEPHEN ANDERTON ous fancy small

ans, crabs, cherries - the snakebark maples are among the most fascinating. They get their name from the curious patterning on the bark, and there are several species which display this characteristic. Among the best are Acer grosseri and its variety hersii (20ft), davidii (40ft), pensyl-vanicum (25ft), refinerve (30ft)

and capillipes (30ft). The effect on the tree is curiously contrived, as if someone had painted stripes and marbling on the stems. It is an effect you either want a lot of — a thicket or a little grove to make it normal by massing — or to single it out as a curiosity in a prominent position.

Ivan Hicks, a garden designer, has gone one bener with his snake-bark maple. He is growing one up an apple tree, training it round the trunk in a slow spiral, like the segment in Eden It started like the serpent in Eden. It started out as a very small tree at the root of his apple, but in a year or two it will have reached eye-height and

the apples.
Snake-bark maple seedlings grow whippily as youngsters and are amenable to tying in to a string or wire spiral. If you use wire, it must be removed once the trunk has formed into its spiral. so that the host tree is not cut and strangled. Even the maple-trunk spiral will eventually grip the tree and strangle it slowly; more muscled constrictor than tempter. But won't it look magnificent as the apple bark is squeezed up in folds between its coils as the years go by? We should never be afraid to let gardening ideas get the upper hand over the plants.
The snake-bark I have had

most to do with is Acer davidii, a species from China which will only reach 25ft tall over 20 to 30 years. Hot summers cover it in helicopter" seeds, typical of the maples, even in the north.

In Northumberland, where I used to work, seedlings would sprout up out of the rough grass below, like sycamores. We would put a few seedlings in pots or the nursery every year to provide the bartering material with which all gardeners develop their collec-tions. Whereas a sycamore seedling grows thick and straight, our seedlings grew thin and whippy,

with a distinct bend to one side. In pots or in the ground, in full light or half shade, our young snake-barks would wave off to one side at the top, as if distorted by a prevailing wind. I grew A. hersii, bought as a larger, potgrown specimen, and it did the same. Tying the leaders to a cane made little difference. They just want to bend, and in the early years they look wimpish. Only



Patterned snake-bark maples

when they are ten to 15 years old and the branches develop a little grace do they develop any poise. The quality of patterning varies with snake-barks, as it does with snakes I suppose. It also varies with age. But what is marvellous about the snake-barks is their ability to keep the patterning to some degree on the trunk and older branches, even in mature trees. The bark remains thinlooking, sometimes with a shine, and does not develop away from that slithery youth into gnarled, scaly old age. It remains fancy to

the last, and this is worth remembering when you are choosing a place to plant one. Part of the job of bark is to stretch and expand to protect the

through its life. When you look at the bark of an old robinia, its bundles of fibres wrenched criss-cross over centuries, you can see the power pushing from within. Snakes may slough a skin, but trees bear their stretch marks with pride. So what is going on in the tree to make those delicate striations

on the bark? I asked Sir Ghillean Prance, the director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and author of a recent book on bark, if the snake-barks were simply employing a different mechanism to allow them to expand, using expansion joints (gussets) instead of the woven, criss-cross stocking

of the work and the system of other trees.

The answer was yes. "What is remarkable is the way in which the same lines on the bark remain and develop during the life of the tree." he said. And that is curious. If you think of the plated scales

of bark on a plane tree or old sycamore, the agonised spirals of a sweet chestnut, or the blackand white diamond pattern on a silver birch, they are all features that develop with age. On a birch you can watch it start to happen. as the lower part of the trunk begins to open and stretch into diamond patterns, even in young trees of 3-4in diameter.

SNAKE-BARKED maples generally prefer an open soil. In heavy clays they can be slow and sulky, and prone to the fungal disease coral spot, which is a serious threat to maples. Woodland edge is the right position for them, with some shelter and plenty of sun. In gloom the bark is never as telling and in down is never as telling, and in damp shade green algae on the stems can hide the beauty of the bark, unless you are prepared to give it a periodic wash and brush down.

My preference is to see them used formally where the bark can look its most artificial. But that gauche habit in youth does not do much for formal situations. If you go for snake-barks, that is some-thing you have to live with.

Reading: Leaf, Bark and Berry: Foliage Plants for Texture and Form, by Ethne Clarke, with photographs by Clive Nichols (David & Charles, £20).



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AT LAST, a beautifully produced book that affords a glimpse into more than 50 extraordinary private gardens, some of the most significant to have been created in the past 20 years.

The book, Paradise Transformed: the Private Garden for the Twenty-first Century, by Gordon Taylor and Guy Cooper, is divided into four philosophical elements of garden design: explanation, innovation, tradition and abstraction, and the emphasis says lan Hamilton Einlay a landscape designer, is emphasis, says Ian Hamilton Finlay, a landscape designer, is

on "culture, not just horticulture".

Mr Finlay's garden, "Little Sparta" in Lancashire, is one of the first on a world tour. His witty fusion of the Classical /Neo-Classical and Modern is exemplified by a statue of Apollo, after

Bernini, holding a gun instead of a lyre,
It was Massachussetts-based Martha Schwartz, we learn, who first introduced irony into contemporary garden design, in 1979, with her provocative "Bagel Garden" in Boston. "I thought the bagel the perfect landscape material. It was easy to get, cheap, biodegradable, anybody could plant it, it did well in the shade, and you didn't need to water it," she says.

The gardens in the book reflect aspects of the modern aesthetic. Ecological awareness is a constant — water is celebrated, and even the grotesque and violent.

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# Hint of Nepal on the Dee

Ness Gardens, South Wirral, Merseyside (0151-353 0123).

Two miles off A540 between Ness and Burton. Open daily (except Dec 25) Nov-end Feb, 9.30am-4pm. E3-50, children under-18, free.

The 60-acre garden is on a sloping site overlooking the Dee estuary. Rhododendrons and other choice plants were brought back from early 20th-century. plant-hunting trips to the Hima-layas by George Forrest and Frank Kingdon-Ward. At the moment, the enormous heather

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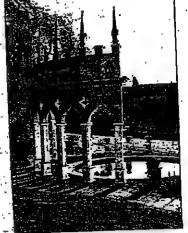
garden, created on an ideal site of acid sunstone with rocky outcrops, is speciacular, while the sorbus National Collection reveals berries from pure white to rich ruby red. The scale of the mixed planting and the rock garden is impressive.

Painswick Rococo Garden. Painswick, near Stroud. Gloucestershire (01452 813204). On B4070, half mile from Painswick. Open Wed-Sun to

end of Nov. liam-5pm. E2.75, children £1.50. Reopens Jan 8.

The garden is a rare survivor of of the Rococo style, which played a part in the changes from the formal French style to the natural English landscape. Some paths wander through the beech woodland to reveal the superb 18th-century buildings. In mid-January, the garden's flowering. forte is the snowdrop wood. The changes being made reflect a painting of Painswick in 1748 by the artist Thomas Robins.

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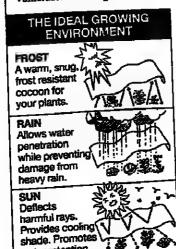
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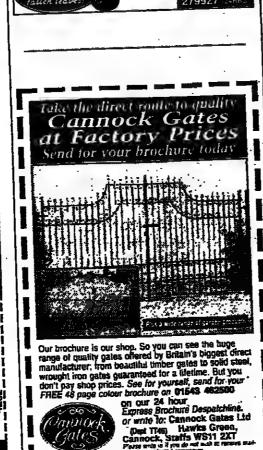
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# Fleeced by Big Brother



t is not with any pride that I admit that, in all my years of country dwelling. I have only ever attended one meeting of a parish council, which is surprising, because it was one of the best evening's entertainment I have had. If every meeting was as good as that one, nothing would have kept me away, and because it did not take place in the village in which I now live, I can share the joy with you.

The evening started soberly with formal business conducted in muted tones while a fierce lady noisily scribbled minutes in a lined exercise book. Conservation issues were then raised and a valuable, if brief, discussion followed on achieving a balance between the needs of nature and the require-ments of tidiness on the village green - which was not of the manicured sort, but rather more an area of gorse-strewn heathland.

Then the question of "the mat-tress" was raised, and with it the evebrows of the more elderly parish councillors. Apparently, the youth of the village, not having any other way to entertain themselves of an evening, had installed a mattress behind the bus shelter. One innocent lady asked if they used it for physical exercise. Eric Morecambe never got a bigger laugh.

After order was restored, the mattress was considered to be leaning a little too far in the direction of the needs of nature, and it was resolved that a request be made to the district council to have it removed. But on what grounds? Or at least, what could the secretary write in a letter that would cause her not to blush as she struck the keys of her elderly typewriter? "Insurance," someone shouted to huge applause, and the relieved council members passed on to more weighty matters — the colour of the

bus shelter, I seem to remember. All this may strike you as rather trivial, but someone has to be responsible for the tiniest of cogs in the massive engine of daily rural life. We assume that those higher up the scale of government are too deep in thought about "the future of the countryside" and other such cosmic matters to have to worry

about a bit of hanky-panky on the village green, and so country people get on with their daily lives, counting the pennies while others wisely take care of the pounds. This is a grave mistake, fellow country dwellers; word reaches me that we are about to be fleeced, as will become clear.

There now follows a brief description of a part of Britain, which comes from someone in a position to speak with authority. Despite what you might think, it is not a glimpse of life in a bleak. forgotten corner of an inner city or a threatening housing estate where police patrol in pairs. This, the author of the letter tells us, is rural life as it is lived today. In his part of Britain, "there is no

welfare rights unit, equality unit. anti-poverty unit. policy unit. You will not find a council theatre, public hall, concert hall, crema-torium, football pitch. Neither is there a museum nor an art gallery. Not all domestic refuse is collected weekly." It is Teesdale: a glorious part of northern England not far from the adored Herriot and Heartheat country, and the author of the letter is no less than the district solicitor of Teesdale District Council, Mr Sparrow.

e makes a good point worthy of study. "The allocation of central government grants is supposed to produce the result that everyone in the country receives the same level of service for the same level of council tax." In order to make this work, the government makes an allowance, which recognises the higher costs of services in rural areas. This allowance is about to be reviewed, within the

Government research shows that the allowance should be increased but, because the pot out of which these funds pour is finite, organ-isations representing big cities are trying to rubbish the research and get the allowance reduced". This, says Mr Sparrow, will result in a situation where two levels of local government are created; an urban one with all the trimmings, and a



Expressions of disapproval: are country communities destined to receive second-rate local services?

one-star rural kind, offering basic services only. It seems that we are about to be dumped on from a great height by Big Brother from the city. He quotes comments from city

interests that particularly annoy him. For instance, "people choose to live in the country, they could always move" and "there is more affluence in the countryside because there is high car owner-ship" (There is, if you think about high car ownership because

there is so little public transport

and so few village shops.)
But why is Mr Sparrow surprised? They have always dumped on us. I must reveal that it transpired, after much delicate questioning, that it was not the youth of the village who put the mattress behind the bus shelter after all. It was flung there from a passing truck, which sped off back to the town. We should not take this

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FIELDFARES are flooding into Britain from northern Europe. They are very striking birds, especially when they sit in a little flock on the top boughs of a bare tree, with the winter sunlight falling on them. They have the spotted breast of the thrushes, but above they are richly coloured. with a powder-blue head, a ruddy-orange back and black

wings.
I have just seen some flying steadily across a field, and the air was filled with their loud "chack chack" cries. They are constantly on the move in Britain in winter. When they arrive they feed mostly on worms and insects on ploughed fields or pasture, but they soon go into the hedges to eat the hawthorn berries.

This year they will find plenty of those, and you will see them swaying at the end of tiny twigs to get at them. However, even the best loaded of ruddy hawthorn bushes soon turns bare, with blackbirds and redwings after the berries, as well as the field-fares, and then they turn to other fruit.

They seek out the last elderberries and any blackberries lingering on the brambles. They would eat holly and mistletoe berries, but the mistie thrushes usually form temporary territories round any good supplies of those, and ight off the fieldfares.

They will eat the bitter sloes but do not like them much. In midwinter they will flock into apple orchards, and eat the fruit that has been left on the branches or has survived on the ground. They are said to have a special taste for Golden After Christmas, on warm

days, they will sometimes sit. together in the trees singing a warbling song, and even when they get back to the northern birch forests to breed they will not sing much better. This is, perhaps, because they are colonial nesters and do not defend a large breeding territory like most other thrushes. However, they co-operate to

protect their colonies in a

unique way. When a sperrow-



The thrush-like fieldfare

hawk or buzzard is sighted, a squad of fieldfares flies up above it, and showers it with droppings. Their aim is very accurate and the hawk can be covered with faeces.

They build their nests in tree forks and lay a larger clutch of eggs than most small birds. usually six. Song thrushes and mistle thrushes generally lay four or five eggs.

The birds were first found

breeding in Britain in 1967, in Orkney. Since then pairs have occasionally nested in Scotland. Derbyshire and Yorkshire. They are spreading south through continental Europe, too. A few years ago a pair bred in the Prater Park in vienna.

There has not yet been any rign of a colony in Britain. However, that day may be coming — and even we may have to get used to those unsavoury showers dropping from angry birds in the sky. DERWENT MAY

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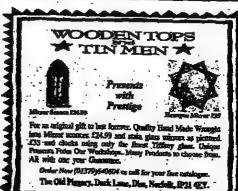
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# Old jeans never die they just look vile with court shoes

Dated, maybe, but denim can still look good — as long as you choose your footwear carefully. **GRACE BRADBERRY** reports

the blue jean. The sometime symbols of youthful rebellion had smoothed the thigh of politician, and lost the under-

25 vote in the process.

The kids on the street had decided they liked "proper trousers, including the sort of Rupert Bear creations that would have induced instant acre in a previous genera-tion. Slumming it meant. combat pants, or drawstring

pyjuma trousers.
The greatest betrayal of all was among off-duty models. New York lofts have been purchased, cash down, on the proceeds of designer jean advertising campaigns. But what did they wear outside the studio? Moleskin hip-sters, khaki comban, gab-erdine boot-cuts — anything

But jeans companies have played a few clever cards recently. Levi's recruited veteran mid-westerners for its advertising campaign, reminding us of the heritage, and challenging the teen domination of fashion. The company also tried to close the gap between svelte image and sagging reality. Introducing a made-to-lit service at flagship stores in London and Sheffield.

A rearguard action is also being fought by the more avant-garde stylists — the people who choose the clothes for magazines such as The Face, Arena and I-D. They're asking for good

Whether jeans are strictly fashionable is debatable, and some would say irrelevant. But the fashion in jeans has But the fashion in jeans has undoubtedly moved on. Lighter shades of denim are out and low-slung "rapper" styles remain on the fringes. The jeans to buy now are deep blue or indigo, in hipster, half-hipster, slim leg or boot-cais. Classic cuts, if they live used are also acceptable. fit well, are also acceptable.

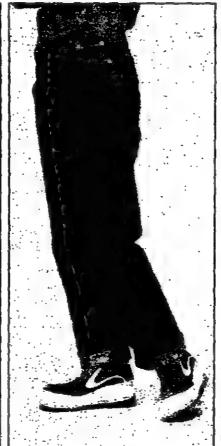
But the more trying ques-tion is the footwear. Natiness has a nasty habit of not declaring itself at the time. But in the months and years to come, nostalgic photo-graphs can be rumed by the sight of a loafer with a white sock, a court shoe with a popsock, or a partner's brogue peeping out from the denim. As a guide, the following

are currently slip-sliding to-ward the style abyse black Dr Marten shoes, flat or slim-beeled black boots and high-top white trainers. Desert boots, wedge-heeled trainers, blonde suede ankle boots and canvas walking boots are all in the ascendant. So too are smart boots, particularly if they're in shades of brown or mulberry, rather than black. Cowboy boots are also making their return, a potent reminder that fashion and good taste do not always amount to the same thing. Which brings us on to high strappy sandals and stiletto

males for that cowgirl-goes-









LEFT: Drainpipe jeans, £55, Diesel Flagship Store (0171-633 2255); sandals, £44.99, Ravel (0171-631 0224). CENTRE: Wide leg jeans, £55, Levi's stores (01604 790436); trainers, £64.99, Office. RIGHT: Baggy jeans, £38, Gap (0800 427789); trainers, £44.99, Office.

on-a-date look OK, so you wouldn't walk the dog in them, but they might just make your jeans acceptable

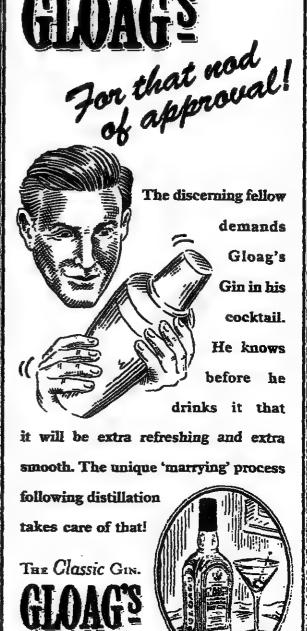
particularly if they're shrink-to-fit style drainpipes. Matching footwear to the jeans shape is crucial. At the conservative end of the scale,

classic cuts go with loafers. Bootcut jeans predictably look good with boots. Other shapes are less obvious. Toy-

Photographs by Steve Poole. Hair and make-up by Alex Babsky. Styling by Amandip Uppnil.

turn-ups, but concerned that people will miss the joke? Not if you're wearing a pair of wedge-heeled trainers they won't. Sounds ghastly? Wait until you see the turn-up denim pedal-pushers, touted as the next big thing.

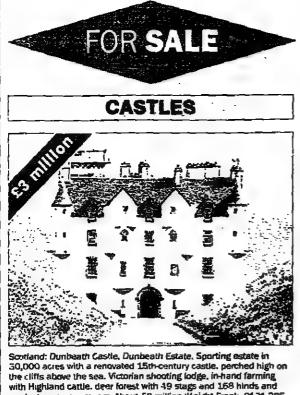




A good belt will define the cut of your jeans and add style. For hipsters, choose something wide and chunky with a silver buckle. Classic cuts demand slim belts worn at the waist. Here's a look at what's going around



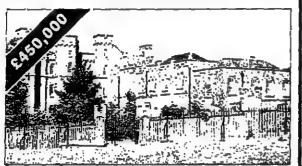
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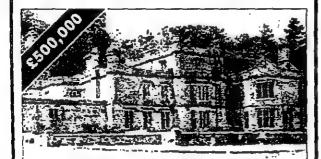
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# Time to stop the rot in your home

HOMEOWNERS need to be able to spot defects in their properties and take steps to solve the problems. according to the Royal Institution of Chartered

Ian Perry, a chartered surveyor and the RCIS housing market spokesman. says: "Houses and flats need to be cared for like any other valuable possession. Regular checks and repairs are essential if buildings are to provide secure, long-lasting accommodation."

Now the housing market is recovering, a well-maintained home is a key factor in attracting buyers. A new guide - Looking After Your Home - from the RICS covers a multitude of problems from dripping taps to rotting roofs. It stresses the importance of adequate insurance gives tips on what to do in case of fire, flooding or

storm damage.
Some faults can be remedied quickly and cheaply. Others need specialist help and advice.

DRY ROT

THE distinctive aroma of mushrooms should ring alarm bells if you smell it in the loft. This is one symptom. of dry rot, one of the most serious problems, which can quickly spread if left untreated. Fungus on timber, initially like cotton wool, later turns grey/yellow and then rusty red in colour.

Affected timber has distinctive cubic cracking, and crumbles. Dry rot thrives on moist timber in a medium cool and poorly ventilated

The cause of moisture must be eliminated and good ventilation provided. Af-fected timber and woodwork within a metre of it must be taken out and burnt. New timbers should be impregnated with preservative. Masonry adjoining affected timber should be chemically injected by a specialist firm which provides a 30-year

WETROT

Wet rot appears as brown or black thread-like strands over timber and masonry. Affected timber cracks along the grain and rots. This wet timber - often where plumbing and drainage leaks occur or the dampcourse is ineffective. The cause of dampness must be eliminated and affected timber replaced by a reputable builder or specialist firm.

WOODWORM

Woodworm leaves small holes in timber, usually floorboards, roof timbers, plywood and underneath stairs. These "flight holes" are caused by beetles gnawing their way out of the woodwork - after the larvae have bored around inside, sometimes for years. Most Regular repairs are essential for houses says CHERYL TAYLOR

often found is the Common Furniture Beetle, which can be brought into a house in old or injected furniture. The notorious Death Watch Beetle and House Longhorn Beetle (found in the South of England) have long life -cycles and can cause extensive structural damage. Specialist spraying of af-fected timber is the best

Rising damp appears on walls close to ground level and is caused by dampness from the ground rising up the wall by capillary action through porous building The rising moisture carries salts from the ground into the masonry, which crystal-lise in the internal plaster. These salts will absorb airborne moisture and create a damp patch, independent of

dampness within the wall. External walls are the most likely to become affected, but internal and party walls can also suffer if there is no effective damp-proof course. Rising damp can occur where a damp-proof is

damaged. Check whether the outside ground level is at least 150mm below the dampproof course. Reduce the ground level or clear away earth if necessary. The damp-proof course may be ineffective, or non-existent. In either case a new dampproof course must be installed at least 150mm above the adjoining ground level. Use a specialist firm which

gives a 30-year guarantee.

Penetrating damp appears
as patches on walls — not
necessarily near ground
level: sometimes on chimney breasts or just below roof level. This kind of dampness is caused by the weather penetrating the outer fabric of the building. Porous brickwork or brick

joints will let rain water through the wall itself, as will cracked cement renderdefective facing on the out-side of the wall. Defective brickwork or ineffective "flashings" between the roof covering and a chimney stack above roof level can also allow damp in.
On external walls check

the condition of the bricks and the soundness of the mortar joints and repair and repoint as necessary. Check cement rendering and external claddings for cracks and gaps and repair.

For damp on chimney breasts, check the presence of a flue lining and the condition of the chimney. stack between brickwork and mortar joints. Check

water can get in.

Steamed up windows, damp walls and ceilings left moist will attract mould growth black spot. Condensation is caused by cooking, washing and even breathing out. It can occur within the structure, such as in chimney flues, if proper ventilation is not provided.

Remove the water vapour at source or minimise cold surfaces on which condensation can occur. Water vapour can be removed by open windows, extractor fans, or dehumidifiers which collect moisture. Heat or insulate cold surfaces and install

Cracks through external walls could mean sub-

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tural movement. Get professional advice property may need to be monitored by a surveyor or structural engineer. SERIES TRATE

age or wall-tie failure. The same applies to cracked ce-ment rendering, which is

often symptomatic of struc-

Knocking or banging noises may be coming from water pipes containing trapped air or from excessive mains pressure, which can easily be

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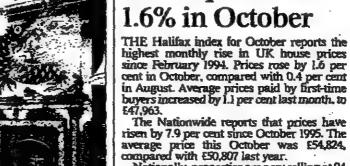
A FORTIFIED laird's house, dating from the 14th century, is for sale for the first time on the open market. Amanda Loose writes. Monkton House, only six miles from Edinburgh, was built as a safe house, in the form of a fortified tower house, by the

monks of Newbattle Abbey.

Redesigned in the late 17th century by Sir William Bruce, the house was ignored by Cromwell and the like because it was thought to be too small to be a real military threat, so many of the original features have

The drawing room has 17th century panelling now decorated with oriental murals, and a wattle and daub ceiling. The house also includes fortified tower with gun loops, stone spiral staircase and oyster shell decorations on the outside of the house which were intended to ward off witches.
Offers are invited in excess of £400.000.

# House prices rise



compared with €50,807 last year.
Nationally, properties are now selling at 94
per cent of the original asking price,
according to the Blackhorse agencies Home

Report for October, an increase of 3 per cent since their report in June. ■ NEW legislation in London means that local authorities can recover from home-

owners the cost of de-activating alarms that have been running for more than an hour. Councils can already insist that alarms are

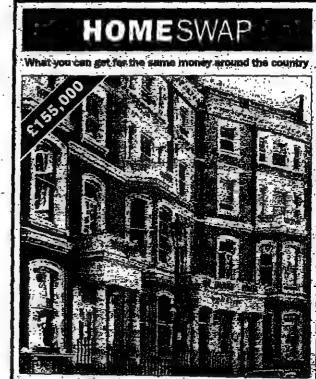
fitted with cut-out devices and to enter

premises to stop the alarm. ■ THE buyer of a house in Carlton, Nottingham, will never be the sole owner. The Grey House, once home to an order of monks, has a legacy in the deed which states that a square yard of the grounds will always belong to God. The Grade II listed house. with coach house and seven bedrooms, is for

sale at £345,000 (Savills, 0115-955 2255). ■ MODERN homeowners dream of Viotorian homes with cellars and attics, not futuristic apartments, according to General Accident Property Services. The nationwide survey asked people to describe their ideal home for 2020. Almost a third would like

cellars and 56 per cent an attic. ■ LANDLORDS are increasingly letting unfurnished properties, according to Hamptons Lettings Journal. In central London 34 per cent of the new tenancies started in the last quarter were for unfurnished property; compared with 26 per cent in the same

quarter last year. Hamptons links the rise to the new fire and safety regulations, making it a criminal offence for landlords to put furniture which



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6th-century three-bedroom thatched cottage near Clare; In Suffolk above) with views over open countryside. G A Town and Country



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# A walk on the wild side

Clearing borders in autumn could mean sacrificing a great display in winter, says NIGEL COLBORN

ers face it, the garden is a mess just now. Borders are scruffy as autumn gold tarnishes to drabness and foliage dies away. There are few flowers left and even those that hang on are marred by frost. Everything everywhere is in decline. The burning compulsion is to arm yourself with clippers, rake and barrow and clear

the whole thing.

Traditionally, border plants are cut back to ground level at this time of year. But hold on, your action could be harmful. Not only do you risk damage to the habitat, you could also be sacrificing a magnificent winter display.

One of the greatest threats to our natural environment is obsessive tidiness. In towns and villages, local authorities and well-meaning volunteers hack and prune until nothing is left of the thistly corner where warblers nested

Yet, in the best of our gardens, the English plant-ing style is, if not wild and abandoned, at least naturalistic. Even the most gen-teel of borders, if they follow patterns set by Robinson, Sackville-West and Margery Fish, waver between dishevelled romanticism, when they work, and green chaos. when they don't.

June's manicured flower border comes unstuck in July, when half the early perennials go to seed, but the autumn flush has yet to start. What was a relatively ordered wild garden in May could, in October, amount to a neglected corner. And why not? No planting can look perfect all the time.

Forget those excruciating best-kept village type of frontages, where precision-placed French manigoids are held in check by a blue line of lobelia, and consider the magnificence of a wide, walled border where the spring display transposes into summer abundance. The scruffiness of fading tulips or narcissus might be

hidden beneath developing perennials, themselves en-hanced by a background of shrub roses. Later, tall plants big campanulas or lifies — could surround the roses; or such climbers as sweet peas or clematis might grow through their branches. Then, as summer ends, and the changing leaves and the shiny hips on the shrub roses set off the late asters, sur-prises would appear at the border front: hardy cycla-

men or lilac colchicums. To hack your way into that lot, just because the last of plants has finished flowering, seems an act of vandalism. Inevitably, you would be stopping the flow. Watching foliage run through its gentle transformation from green to brown can be absorbing, and if the right plants are present for a winter outline, November can be almost as rewarding as July.

all sedums such as Autumn Joy, for in-stance, have beautiful silhouettes; the large, floppy Euphorbia palustris runs through sev-eral shades of old gold as it dies; Siberian irls seed cap-sules are distinctive on their erect stems, and even big daisies gone to seed can be beautiful. Some plants are as beautiful, even more so, in death as when they were green. Teasels, for example, make superb winter outlines, as do the cornflowers. And when all these plants are garnished with hoar frost on one of those precious sunlit winter days, that memory of your border may stay with you for longer than the summer climax.

The main benefits, how-ever, are enjoyed by wildlife. Birds, particularly finches and other seed-eaters, rely on a late harvest to build up their body fat for winter. Since declining foliage will carry great numbers of in-



Left to their own devices, the Saville Gardens in Windsor Great Park are still a riot of late colour in autumn

through the stems, while blackbirds and song thrushes forage in the undergrowth for worms. Admittedly, such a mess can harbour slugs and other pests. You have to take the rough with the smooth, but benefits outweigh the dis-

advantages. My own reasons for deciding never to cut back my borders were arrived at not as a result of a finely honed artistic sense but out of sloth. I was too idle to do the job one year and realised what I sects, tits, wrens and robins will also benefit and can be watched as they work year, I fretted over the untidi-

ness and decided after all, to cut things back. I ruined the nest of a hibernating hedgehog by almost driving my fork into his prickly side. Thereafter, i vowed never to trim or tidy until spring.

All I do now, if things are intolerably messy, is to re-move only plants that have collapsed, or that threaten to engulf their neighbours. Otherwise, I leave my beds to themselves until March when everything is pretty well worn out and must be made fit for the coming growing season. rather than autumn, is, after all, the time of renewal.

#### WEEKEND TIPS

- Plant fruit trees this month to allow time to establish an effective root system before spring. A piece of plastic pipe set down among the roots will allow easier watering in the first year or two.
- Evergreens and conifers planted last month should be watched for wind rock, and firmed in again after high winds.
- Pot up from the garden a few double or coloured primroses for Christmas display.
- Potted hydrangeas, plunged in the garden over summer, should be brought indoors, but kept on the dry side for a little longer.
- Complete the planting of tulips 4in deep is adequate but, for permanent planting, 7in is better.

### GARDEN ANSWE STEPHEN

ANDERTON replies to

readers' letters

My variegated dog-wood, Cornus alba 'Elegantissima' is in a hot, dry place, so last summer l let the hose run on it twice a week. It flowered hard, and I have cut out much of the flowered wood, but I am afraid I have spoiled it. What should I do? — Mrs A. Snell, Woodbridge,

You have not spoiled it: it is a very tough plant. But it is also hungry and likes a soil which is moist and cool. So in spring cut it all down to 2-3in, and plaster around it a thick mulch of rich compost or manure. You could even give it artificial fertiliser as well if it is slow to respond. By next autumn it should have made a thicket of 3-4ft high red stems, which you can cut right down again the following spring, Like a lawn, you must feed it regularly to keep it strong.

Where can I buy seeds Where can I Day seems of Bidens aurea, and can I take them from this year's plants? - W.H. Rees, South Godstone, Surrey.

A Suttons lists Bidens au-rea, and all big seed companies sell Bidens ferulifolia, which is, I suspect, much the same thing from a practical point of view. Bidens used to self-seed in my gravel path in the North the year after I had grown it in pots nearby. So yes, save your own seed. It is an easy member of the daisy family. It can be overwintered as cuttings taken in autumn and kept under glass.

Ouring the summer a large bracket fungus has grown at the base of our 100-year-old oak tree. I believe it is a parasite called Inonotus dryadeus. Will it harm the tree? — D. Barnett, North Leigh, Oxfordshire.

There is bad news and good news. This fungus eats away at heart wood destroying the core of the

tree. If it were on a beech tre I would be more worfied because, having been eaten alive, they tend to collapse quickly. Oaks are different. They survive such rots into old age, shedding limbs and branches, but continuing to live with a hollow trunk. For safety's sake it would be wise to get a tree surgeon to inspect the tree to see if it is structurally sound or likely to shed limbs. He or she may say leave well alone, and look at it again in a few years' time. You have options. All is not lost, But you cannot cure the tree.

The Judas tree in the northwest corner of my small garden is about 20ft high and had a bonanza flowering this year. However, a limb has torn off taking wood with it. The tree appears top heavy and I want to prune it. How do I do this? — Mrs B. Cathcart. Taunton, Somerset.

Cercis silquastrum, the A Judas tree, is a plant for hot, thin soils, and is good on chalk. Softer growing condi-tions — rich soil and abundant moisture - exacerbate the tree's tendency to produce forked stems, which are prone to gale or snow damage. (It is not a strong tree; if Judas really hanged himself on a Cercis I reckon it was just a cry for help, not a serious attempt.) The tree can be pruned but the response is unpredictable, new shoots not always coming where you would wish them to be. It is, therefore, better to thin the tree if necessary rather than carve it back, to reduce weight and assist

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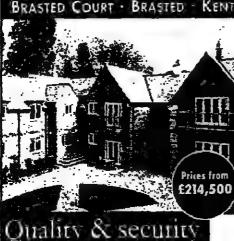
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Fierce planning controls are part of the impetus for designing authentic classical buildings today's buyers that blend with the environment of period towns such as Chelten-Three have already been reserved out of the first phase of five, even though the sales centre has yet to open. Yet the local agent, Pritchard and Partners, is selling a fourham and Bath. Elsewhere, too, classical design is in vogue. In Barnes, southwest London, Berkeley Homes is building 321 apartments, with passing references to classicism

bedroom Georgian house in Park such as porticoes, and 221 have Street, just down the road from the lodge, for £255,000, including already been snapped up at prices ranging from £112,900 to more than £1.8 million. a separate flat, parking and a garden. It has open views, too, but not set in 25 acres like Cavendish Lodge. In Cheltenham, Montpellier Building homes to classical designs is a big commitment for developers, because it costs more to get the details right. Yet such

Apartments looks like a terrace of Regency houses. The 42 flats there sold quickly at between £85,000 for two bedrooms to properties have proved popular with buyers, even in the face of the ultimate competition: from £204,000 for a three-bedroom penthouse with a roof terrace. In Bath there has been much interest in Beaufort Homes's

The developer, Beaufort again, encouraged by the demand, started building a second terrace nearby last July. Imperial Apartmagnificent Palladian mansion block, Cavendish Lodge, where a two-bedroom flat costs £295,000.

ments is another terraced row, with larger and more expensive flats, from £150,000 for twobedrooms to £350,000 for the penthouses. Ten of the 47 apartments have already been But £350,000 would buy a

comfortable house out of town with two acres, or a house in one of Cheltenham's glorious, old classical terraces. Allen & Harris is marketing an imposing house in Lansdown Parade, at £185,000. It has four bedrooms, two reception rooms, a self-contained flat, and a patio garden backing on to the tennis courts of Cheltenham Ladies College. But, the agent says, it needs "some updating", and there's the rub. Although refurbishment would cost, say, about £30,000, the hassle involved would not appeal to people such as the Beaufort clientele, for whom convenience is a must.

the Beaufort buyers are first charmed by the elegant Regency-style ex-terior of the Cheltenham apartments. The interiors are ultra-modern and have basement car-parking with direct lift access to each apartment, a security system including video entry and intruder alarms, high-spec kitchens with integral appliances, wiring for total-sound CD systems, heat and sound insulation. Maintenance costs are low.

The design of these three developments could be dubbed progressive classicism, a term coined by the architectural historian Dr Tim Mowl in his book Cheltenham Betrayed to describe modern buildings where the architect has used classical details and proportions sensitively (he approves of Montpellier Apartments, while being less flattering about most of the town's other modern developments).

imperial Apartments, next to the colonnaded Queen's Hotel at the top of the Promenade and built in 1818, is bringing to life the original plans made 160 years ago to complete Imperial Square by surrounding the gardens with houses, A pavilion at the corner, a Broad Walk and a fountain were all completed. The classical squares of Cheltenham were deigned with pavilions at all four

end of the new terrace. "The original plans, shown on the Merretts map of 1834, outlined the terrace that's being built in the same format, the architect, Ralph Guilor, says. "All the wrought iron railings, ornate balconies, doors, stucco detailing, mouldings, parapets and single-glazed, wooden windows are authentic. We're providing a niche for a Napoleonic fountain.

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Marjorie and Keith Irolah, who sold their five-bedroom, 100-yearold house because they wanted a smaller home, moved into a penthouse flat in Montpellier Apartments a year ago. "The Apartments a year ago. The location was a big factor. It's a three-minute walk to the town hall, six minutes to the theatre, yet k cust on

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£210,000 to £385,000 last year. won a London Evening Standard award. Another development, Royal Thames Crescent, beside the river at Chiswick, has sold well. The best houses there cost more than £500,000.

This architectural style has proved itself down the ages; it's pleasing to the eye," David Pretty, the chairman of Barratt Southern, says. "Classic is widely liked by all ages and nationalities. 'Our experience shows that

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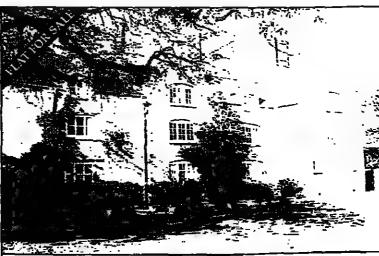
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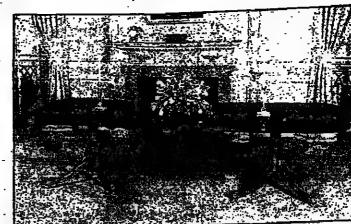
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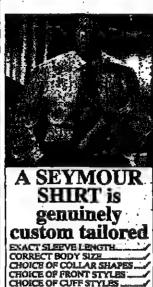
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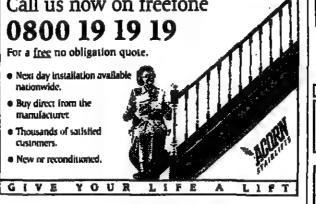
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# Dogs with a nose for trouble

labrador and a trainee member of the West Midlands Fire Service, celebrated his first birthday in a burntout hotel at Edgbaston, Birming-ham. The dog is employed by the service to detect the use of fire accelerants such as petrol, white spirit, paraffin and lighter fuel in suspected arson cases.

Star can sniff out minute quantities of petrol, even if 95 per cent of it has evaporated. That's far better than a human or a machine could do, says his handler, Clive

Gregory.
As their use for detection indicates, dogs are second to none when it comes to sniffing out trouble. A few years ago a letter was published in the Lancet from two doctors working in the dermatology department of a London hospital. A patient had been referred to them with a malignant melanoma on her thigh. Apparently she had first become aware of the lesion after her pet dog (a cross between a border collie and a doberman) constantly sniffed at it, even when she wore trousers. This continued for several months and prompted the woman to seek medical advice. The dog may have

In America there is reported to be a dog that has been trained to detec cancer. George, a schnauzer. is said to have a 99 per cent success rate and to have identified early lung cancer from breath samples, as weil as malignant melanoma.

Five pet dogs in Britain, including a border collie, a labrador and a Jack Russell, have been trained by the charity Support Dogs to alert their owners of epileptic seizures by detecting a slight change in their owners 20-30 minutes before a seizure. It is still not known how they do it. The dog can warn with a bark or by jumping up, a signal

understood by its owner. Lex, an alsatian, has been working at a club in Sunderland for the past month. Seven nights a week he joins the queue at the Nite Klub to smuggled into the premises. His handler, Sandra Wood, believes he is the first dog to be used by a night-club in Britain for this purpose and says that without him, checking the building and the 1,300 clubbers a night for drugs would prove very difficult.

The former RAF dog has a "pro-active role" when he is let off his lead to search the club premises and a "passive response" role when Ms Wood walks him along the line of clubbers on the lead. Staff are scrutinised as well.

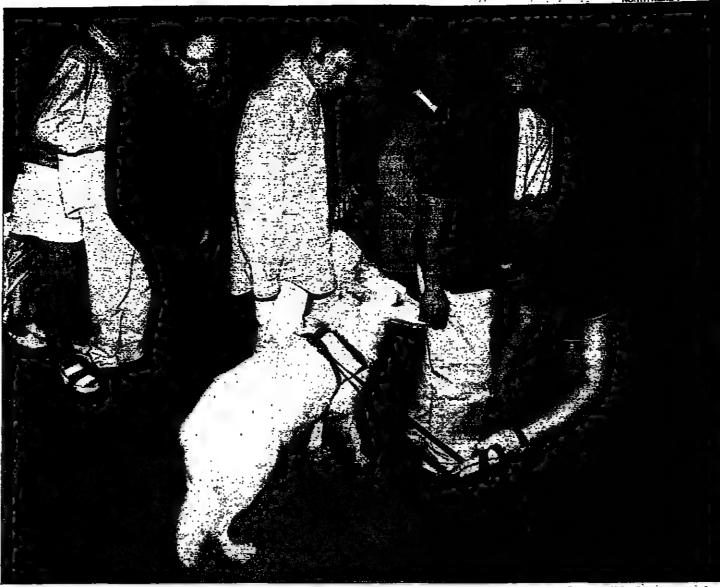
If Lex senses something amiss with one of the clubbers he sits down and waits for them to produce what he expects will be a scented training aid. "In the first two weeks we had him there were 13 arrests but since then there has. been nothing," Ms Wood says. In Britain, labradors, golden

retrievers and springer or cocker spaniels are the breeds normally used for detection work, and favoured by the Metropolitan Police in London. Most of the Met's 34 specialist search dogs, which all live at home with their handlers. are gift dogs. They started their lives as family pets but for some reason or another their owners could not keep them and donated them to the police.

The Met says there is a shortage of ten to 12-month-old dogs (puppies, are not encouraged because it is impossible to assess them at that age) of the preferred breeds suitable for training.

Police regional dog training schools are always on the look out for potential recruits, but the animals have to be asssessed first. Even if the breed is right the dog may not be temperamentally suitable for the work.

The Met's search dogs are mainly engaged in tracking down drugs, firearms and explosives. Other dogs are used to search for bodies. and one dog is at present being trained to scent fire accelerants.



Lex the alsatian, with his handler Sandra Wood, at work in a Sunderland nightclub checking members for possible drug possession

A find is rewarded by praise and play, not food. Food might start the dog looking for more food when it is out on a search.

Initial training for the dogs is for about eight weeks, then there are two one-week refresher courses during a year. The dogs' working life is seven to eight years.

The idea of using sniffer dogs in the Met came from an international police seminar in Paris in the 1960s. A detective sergeant heard that dogs had been used in South America to search for struggled coffee. Officers reasoned that if dogs could be trained for that they could be used to sniff out cannabis and other drugs.

in this country, collies are the favoured animal for the Search and Rescue Dog Association (England). The organisation is involved in about 75 searches a year, many in moorland and mountainous areas.

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But whenever there is a real possibility of poison-ing, see your vet. It helps if you can take the tablet container, a copy of the from the rat bait, insecticide or herbicide with you. If the poison can be identified, the antidote — if there is one — can be found.

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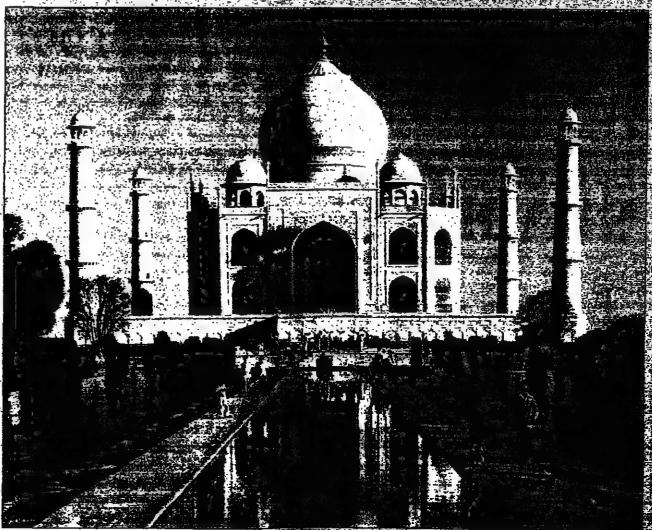
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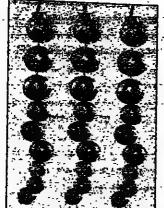
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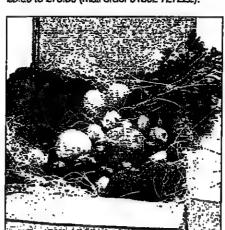
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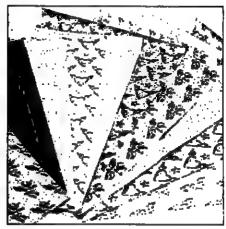
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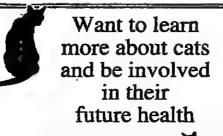
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hundreds in the congregation transfixed in their seats for the two-hour duration. This was the final of the second Preacher of the Year award, organised by the College of Preachers and spon-sored by The Times. Busloads of supporters had arrived from as far afield as Yorkshire and the Welsh valleys. The preachers, whittled down to five from an initial entry of 250 and a shortlist of 30, seemed calmer than their supporters as they waited, side-by-side

in the front row.

After the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, prayed for all those charged with preaching the truth, we sang the beautiful communion hymn, Just as I am, without one plea. Then it was time for Canon Bill Anderson of St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Aberdeen, to kick off. The only Catholic to make the shortlist and final, he seemed the most nervous until he got into his stride on his text, from Psahn 51: "The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit a broken and contrite heart. O God, shalt thou not despise." In the end, he epitomised his topic. The harde goes on, in all of us, between pride and humility; and the lines can be blurred at times, the vice

seeming aimost to be the virtue." The Rev Christopher Burkett, vicar of Whitegate in Cheshire, preached on Psalm 55: "O that I had wings like a dove: for then would I flee away and be at rest." He told the moving story of his own terror as a boy when he yearned to escape his godfather's plan to take him to Sunday school for the first time. Dr Arnold Kellen, author of Ee By Gum. Lord! a version of the gospels in



RUTH GLEDHILL hears the five finalists in the Preacher of the Year award

The winner: Canon Bill Anderson

Yorkshire dialect, preached on Jerusa-lem, "a city at unity with itself" according to the psalm. He addressed this impossible text admirably. The only hope of unity lies not in conferences and resolutions, but in a change of heart in a sufficient number of individual men and women," he said and continued: "It has suddenly become fashionable, indeed compulsory, to talk about moral values and the building of the Kingdom of God on earth. And yet there's little talk, and less conviction, about what happens when we die."

Mrs Peat, preaching on the psalmic reference to singing the Lord's song in a strange land, sang the Boney M hit from the pulpit. "Why do we insist that God's song can only be sung in a building that looks and feels like a stately home," she said, reminding us that we live in "a land of strange music. Just listen to what comes out of your teenage children's bedrooms, or the

stereos of cars on the street." Finally, it was left to the Rev Bernard Thomas, an Anglican from the South Wales valleys, to tackle the most difficult text of the day from Psalm 149: "Let the

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praise of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands." Like all the finalists, Mr Thomas had not chosen the text for himself but had it presented to him. But he rose to the challenge with fiery Welsh zeal. Christ himself had warned that he came not to bring peace, but a sword, he reminded us: "It is cruciform in design and, like the cross, it can defend and save as well as maim and destroy. So we assert that

the proper service of the Christian sword is to defend and keep the faith." A heated debate between the judges of Booker-style intensity followed. The winner surprised many, but none was more astonished than the priest himself. Mr Anderson declared himself "astounded" as he ascended the chancel steps to collect his prize, a bronze designed by Ros Stracey of a dove. representing the Holy Spirit.

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# Some corner of a foreign field

ROBIN NEILLANDS

walks in the footsteps of the fallen in the battlefields of the First World War

ood weather does not suit the Somme. You expect a dark and brooding background for a battlefield visit, but good weather is always a bonus. On this beautiful October morning, standing on the road beyond the Newfoundland Memorial Park, I could see for miles over the old Great War battlefield, across the Ancre to Mash Valley, High Wood and Pozières, further than I had ever seen before in a dozen visits to this bloody ground.

At my feet lay a litter of shells, harvested by the auumn ploughing. On the opposite ridge stood the great bulk of the Thiepval Me-morial to the 73,000 men missing on the Somme: two reminders that something

terrible happened here.
Battlefield visits are growing more popular and few battlefields attract as many visitors as those of the Great War. Tens of thousands of people, mostly British, arrive every year in Ypres, Arras or Albert to tour the sites, perhaps because they are interested in the Great War or perhaps, although with increasing rarity, to visit the grave of a family member who was cut down.

The British section of the Old Front Line, where the trenches lay from 1914 to 917, is about 90 miles in length, from Diksmuide in Belgium to the river Somme. it is quite possible to cover all the main sites in a few days in the course of a private visit or an organised battle-

organised by Holt's Battlefield Tours of Kent, took in all the main sites with the bonus of some interesting side-trips and a number of talks and lectures on the background to the war and the various battles.

This background is necessary, for apart from its cemeteries, the countryside has long since recovered from the ravages of war and shows few signs of what once happened here.

Ypres was one of the Flanders cloth towns and has been restored to its former state, a splendid medieval town with a superb Cloth Hall in the main square and a wide most outside the encircling ramparts. But the old walls are still scarred by shellfire, buglers from the local fire brigade still play the last post every evening under the Menen Gate, and the villages to the east carry all the fatal names of the Ypres salient: Messines,

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could mix and mingle, write letters, have a bath or play the piano, away from the constant thunder of the guns. "Toc H" functioned throughout the Great War and is still in operation today, offering cups of tea and simple selfcatering accommodation. As a base for visiting the battle-fields around Ypres "Toc H" can hardly be bettered. Then

it is time to drive south across the flatlands of Flanders and Hainault, where every small rise was once bitterly contested. Just across the French border lies Armentières, a busy town today, seething with mademoiselles and good restaurants. Aubers, where the battle of Aubers Ridge took place in 1915, is pretty but

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Festubert and Neuve-Chapelle are undistinguished and the battlefield of Loos is overlooked now, as it was in 1915, by slag heaps of the local coal pits.

On, therefore, to Vimy Ridge for splendid views across the Douai plain and the scene of Canadian triumphs. The Canadians are very good at memorials and this one is no exception. The tunnels and trenches have been preserved, the young Canadian guides who come to work here in the summer are well-informed and the site of this successful Great War battle makes an enjoyable visit.

o too does pretty Arras to the south. medieval wool towns now restored to something approaching its former gran-deur. The Grande Place and the Place des Heros are magnificent, lit up after dark and ideal for an after-dinner

And so, on the following morning, to the Somme. The centre for touring the Somme battlefields is the little town of Albert, where the Hotel de la Basilique does a very good lunch. This stands beside the basilica topped by the famous Golden Virgin which was hit by shellfire and hung

out over the street below.

Infantry marching up to the Old Front Line had to pass under the leaning Virgin of Albert, and the story went that when she fell the war would end — as indeed it did, shortly after she finally toppled in 1918. The Virgin is now back on her pedestal and can be seen from many parts of the battlefield if the weather is fine.

The battlefield of the Somme is becoming a tourist attraction. There are museums at Albert and at Delville Wood, cafés have sprung up in the villages to serve tea to British visitors. And the visitors are there in numbers. consulting maps and examining memorials, the men interested, their wives patient, the children frankly bored. You need a guide or to do a little reading to visualise

what happened. And yet the Somme will never be just another place to visit. A thousand cemeteries see to that. The Old Front Line is a place of pilgrimage, and those countless silent headstones will keep it that way, as they have done for

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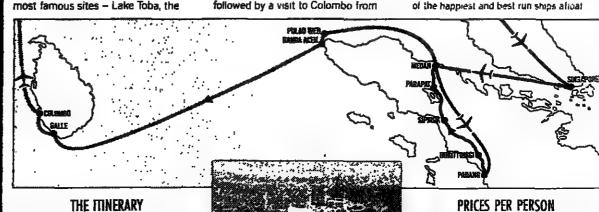
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spectacular mountain scenery as we wind our way past plantations to Spirok for an overnight stay.

DAY 7 Sipirok-Parapat Continue by road. stopping at villages en-route to Parapat for a 3 night stay at the Niagara Hotel in the ome-clad Balas Highlands. DAYS 8 & 9 Parapat At 3000it the weather

will be cool, but not bracing. Full day excursion to Samosir Island and Ambaratia with its 3 megalithic complexes. Free time at Lake Toba. DAY 10 Parapet - Medan Drive to Medan's port of Belawan Embark Caledonian Star and sail in the evening.

DAY 11 Pulau Weh-Banda Aceh Morning at sea. In the afternoon drop anchor off the island



paradise of Pulau Weh, where you could be forgiven for thinking you were in the Caribbean in the evening sail across to Banda Aceh. a charming and historic Sumatren city

DAYS 12 Banda Aceh Spend the day in this city, known as the 'Doorway to Mesca' in the Middle Ages because of its importance or

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her tracks and refused to budge another foot. We watched as five others lurched their way to the other side of the boggy swamp, at times almost disappearing into the squelching mud. Beyond the valley ahead loomed two large mountains, denuded and charred by bush fires. Behind, was a slope so steep that we had had to dismount

to get down it.

Mwezi, an ex-polo pony,
considered the option of remaining on her own with a novice rider and discarded it.

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neck. I disappeared up to my waist. Horse and rider emerged muddied on the other side, only to be confronted by an unfordable river so we had to turn back.

Our guide, Harry, who had been following animal tracks in unchartered territory in the Nyika valley in Malawi, refused to admit defeat. Three hours later, I gailoped into camp, with a

very sore bottom.

The five-day ride in the stunning hills of the Nyika National Park amid herds of roan, eland, reedbuck and zebra, was part of a three-week "wilderness" safari.

to her The safari, put together by guide, covered some of the remotest parts of Zambia and Malawi.

Riding and walking safaris are becoming increas-ingly popular in Africa where old hands are tiring of the ritual of watching arimals from the comfort of a Land Rover, while several other Land Rovers look on.

Foot, who has his own wood cabin at the Nyika, in the North West tip of Malawi, has been running the riding salaris for the past two years. He has 21 horses, thoroughbreds and mixedbreed bush ponies, many of them brought from Zimbabwe. All are rigorously trained for safari before

being let loose on clients. Foot, who lived in Malawi as a boy and has an infectious enthusiasm for the country, has joined an informal group called the African Horse Safari Association, which has other members in South Africa, Botswana, Ke-

nya and Zimbabwe. Our group of six ranged from beginners to those who had ridden a bit but not for 20 years, to two experienced riders. Two opted out of the riding straight away, content with walking, bird watching or wildflower hunting - the SAFARI FACT FILE

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or by Laurens van der Post (Penguin, E7.99, ISBN 0 14001 238 9). Guide to Malawi by Philip Briggs (Bradt, E10.95, ISBN 1 89832 335 6). Guide to Namibia and Botswana by Chris McIntyre and Simon Atkins (Bradt, £10.95, ISBN 1 89832 300 3).

Nyika has an abundance of spectacular birds and rare flowers, including 120 spe-cies of orchid. For the rest of us, it was early starts in the cool of the morning before a four or five-hour ride across rolling hills, following animal tracks circling mountains and crossing streams. We often saw herds of zebra or roan sunning themselves

on the Nyika plateau or making their way to a The views were stream. breathtaking as we walked or trotted in single file. occasionally breaking into a gallop across the montane grasslands that cover more than 3.000km. At times, we scrambled up blackened hills with huge red swirls whipped up by the wind, or

the sun hammering on our backs, we would spot the welcoming tents of our next camp snuggling in the dip of a valley, usually by a cool stream. Cups of tea and fruit cake appeared as stories of dangerous feats and wild animals were embellished. The tales grew wilder and more rancous as the gin and whisky bottles came out around the camp fire, saddle

sores forgotten. Foot combines his riding safaris in the Nyika with walking safaris in other ar-eas of Malawi and in Zambia. We spent the first two weeks of the safari exploring the wilder regions of Zambia, venturing as far as possible from civilisation, after which we ended up on the shores of Lake Malawi for two days of heaven in a luxury hotel.

We pitched camp in wild isolated areas. One day, we passed a deserted village of five or six huts. The roof of one hut had collapsed. We were told that a lion had jumped into the straw hut and eaten the inhabitants a few days before. Hunters had hung a dead buffalo on the trees nearby in the hope of an easy catch. Other days, we crossed rivers on wooden

disappearing into the tall savannah grass the other

The most comfortable camp, although it was one of the most remote, was Mwaleshi, pinched on the edge of the Mwaleshi River, in North Luangwa National Park. We left our Land Rovers at the edge of the park and put ourselves into the hands of Brian Jackman, our guide for the next few days. As we walked and drove

round the park, he pointed out lions, elephants, hippos, buffalo, wildebeest and leopard. Our most exciting adventure occurred on the day we climbed up to some waterfalls in the Chichenda

clear rock pools, then climbed further up the waterfalls to find somewhere to swim. We dived from the rocks into a small, deep pool about four metres long. where we cooled off.

Shortly after we got out, someone screamed. The huge head of a crocodile rested on the spot where, minutes earlier, we had hauled ourselves out of the water, its yellow eyes staring at us menacingly. We looked on in disbelief

before it slunk back into the pool, reclaiming its territory.

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International skiing: In the final part of his resorts guide, Doug Sager finds Austria caters for all levels

# Peak viewing for absolute beginners

ADVERSITY may be the salvation of Austria. Having lost its attraction to upmarket skiers, lured to North America's surer snowfields, and deserted by bargain hunters who have found cheaper if not more cheerful drink in eastern Europe, Austria has an ace up its sleeve this winter — the schilling having measurably improved against sterling in the past 12 months. Austria is also adopting American-style ski pass pricing. This is still on a small scale in the Oetztal and Gastein regions but ahead of its European rivals, meaning that skiers can buy ski passes on five out of seven days, thereby saving money and reducing pressure to ski for six days straight. Another American innovation, ski hosts who guide tourists to the best slopes, appears in Austria this season in the Arlberg. European resorts have been notoriously reluctant to introduce resort guides, antediluvian ski school directors arguing that they usurp the ski teacher's role. Austrian pistes are arguably safer than those of other Aipine nations, where the Austrian version of piste police, Piste Angels, are now in action. Although Austria has seen a reversal of fortunes, losing 4 per cent of its market share last year, its resorts are not empty. Lech, Gargellen and Obergurgi are still booked for many weeks of the season ahead. And some of Britain's biggest tour operators mount their widest resort programmes in Austria, which continues to have the most efficient of UK-based national tourist offices. Self-drive skiers face an extra. if slight, expense in 1997. A molorway tax disc (E9 valid for two months) has been introduced. The disc is valid for toll-free travel on all Austrian oads, and ylekt discounts on some



THE skiing in St Anton puts it in the top five of the world's best resorts. This is where Ski Bunnies, now so politically incorrect, were invented, the poster fantasies of the film star skier Hannes Schneider, hero of what is still the world's best ski school, the Arlberg. The bunnies have gone, but ski borns take their place.

St Anton's night life is renowned for its rowdiness. but the early morning streets nave been quieter and cleaner these past two seasons. Skiing is just as hard over, on hard bumps and in soft powder runs, most famously off the rocky peak of the Valluga. Access here is restricted to skiers accompa-nied by a mountain guide. even though the long run wan to Zury is well within the limits of intermediate off-

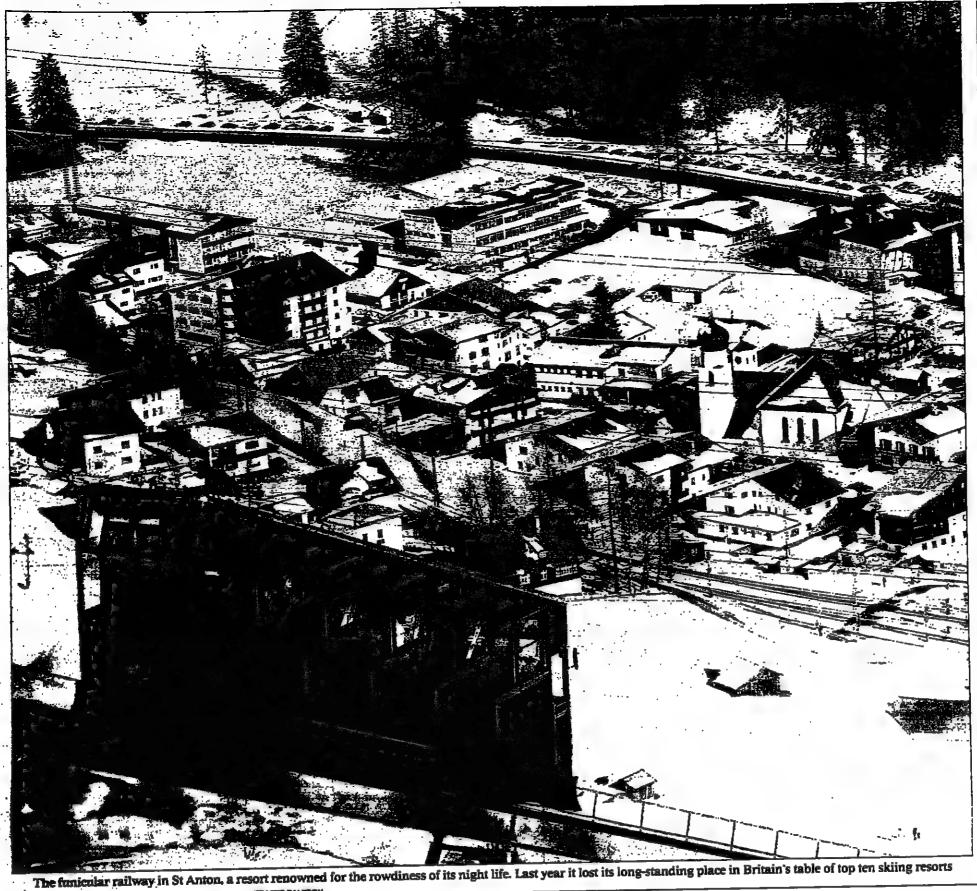
piste skiers. Last year St Anton lost its long-standing place in Britain's top ten resorts according to volume of traffic Kitzbühel is now the only Austrian resort in the UK top ten. Famous for its Hahnen-Kamm downhill race course. and at least equally so for its après ski abandon, Kitz-ouhel has lost skiers in recent years as visitors lose patience with poor snow cover and long lift queues.

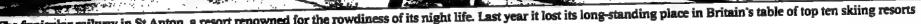
Both these problems have been redressed, not least by this year's new Hahnen-Kamm gondola, and Kitz-bullel retains its title to the most architecturally attractive of any major ski town.

Its hotels and cafes are comfortable and cusy. And there's lots for non-skiers.

Lech, although less known to the average skier than Kitzbühel or St Anton, is nonetheless Austria's classiest resort, and arguably number one in the Alps when rated according to per tapita income per visitor. Lech is linked on the extensive Arthere ski pass net-work which includes St Anton. But there are no direct lifts connecting the two resorts, a deliberate policy on Vach's part to exclude the hor

polici, or so residents say. lech pampers its guests shamelessly, with "magic carpet" moving pavement transport to the ski lift and with lifts in the ski make ear with lifts inside the cable car hallfing where most other resorts in the Alps expect skiers to hike up steps. Piste processes in Lech is consid-







The town centre of St Anton, still a world favourite



national standard. Pensions here have features like swimming pools and steam rooms usually found only in su-

perior hotels.

But Lech's ultimate commitment to guaranteeing the quality of its guests' skiing experience is its policy of limiting the total number of skiers on the slopes to 14,000. When, as rarely hap-pens, this limit is calculated to have been reached, the road is closed and ticket windows shunered.

UNLIKE France's bleak purpose-built complexes, Austria's wood and stone villages with their onion domed churches put a hu-man face on skiing. Alpbach is typical of low altitude Austrian villages. This year snowmaking has been in-creased by 50 per cent. Nursery slopes are excellent, and agress from Innsbruck is and access from innsbruck is

quick and convenient. Gargellen is less known to British visitors, yet it is one of the best family venues in Austria, only 150km from Zuruch airport and part of the extensive, easy skiing Montaion ski pass region. Obertauern, at 1740m, is an Austrian anomaly - a French-style purpose-built village high above the tree

Vallées in overall skiing terrain. Saalbach-Hinterglemm's 200km of pistes are well linked, this winter seeing the addition of a six-man chairlift, and seldom bogged down by queues. Not cheap and by no means quiet at night, the village of Saalbach is particularly popular with snowboarders. Skiing around the Saalbach-Hinterglemm circus will not frighten any intermediate, and the sunshine record is

Austria's most easterly major resort. Schladming, counts only 140km of pistes, and few of these are well connected. But the old town is genuinely delightful, the skiing ego-inflating for intermediates and blessed with an extensive snowmaking system. Advanced skiers have the option of day trips to nearby Obertauern and

the Dachstein glacier. The Oetztal ski arena above Solden is even small-er, at just over 100km of pistes, but one of the liveliest apres ski scenes in the Alps and sometimes offering glacier skiing, depending on snow conditions. The town of Solden is unabashedly ugly. which is unusual for Austria. but the young intermediates who go seldom see the strag-gling main street by

daylight.
Ischgl's Silvretta ski pass
region features 200km of region leatures 200km in intermediate pistes and the attraction of skiing into duty free Samnaun in Switzer-land. The village is charming, unspoilt and boisterous at night. Two new lifts this season should ease the queues considerably.

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average prices, its superb

snow record means that it is

Obertauern is a good choice for families of mixed abil-

ities, its largely friendly ter-

rain being supplemented by some challenging off-piste

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WHEN it comes to vast

interlinked ski pass regions Austria's Top Tauern, with hearly, 800km of pistes, out-classes France's Trois

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HAREMLIK (a) A Turkish harem, by suffixing -lik a place, to the harem. Relations with European powers soon gave rise to the coining of a word that would embrace not only the hareralik and the seramlik but the entire Royal buildings as a whole. The word seraglio was chosen."

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Helsinki: Fine architecture, music and food add some spice to a weekend's sightseeing and island hopping'

Baltic tour starts with the Finnish

elsinki is rel-atively small for a capital city, but there is more than enough to see and do there on a weekend visit.

The language might seem daunting at first -- on your hotel-room television the incredibly long Finnish words seem to fall off the side of the screen when there are subtitled films — but most

visitors quickly learn to cope. Helsinki is a port, and the place to begin sightseeing is at the open-air Kauppatori market at the harbour's edge. It is a jolly place overflowing with fresh fish and fruit, and many Finns take their breakfast of coffee and cakes there. In the middle is a tall obelisk

known as "the toothpick". Out in the harbour, Baltic liners come and go among the smaller craft — when I was there the Queen of Sweden's ship was lying at anchor — and this is the place to get a boat out to Suomenlinna, the group of fortified islands where Helsinki really began.

They now have restaurants and beaches, but the massive fortifications are still there. These were built by the Swedes in the early 18th century to defend their part of Finland from the Russians, and it was under their protection that the fishing village of Helsinki started to grow.

By the early 19th century the Russians had seized the whole of Finland, and in 1812 Tsar Alexander I decreed that Helsinki should become the Finnish capital. It was after this that the beautiful old part of Helsinki began to be built, and it remains largely unspoilt.

From the market you can see a fine line of Neo-Classical houses along the quayside, including the town hall and the president's palace, though he does not live there any more. These were both built by the architect Carl Ludwig Engels, whom the tsar brought in to create the new capital. Engels laid out the wide streets, mostly at right angles, which make

it so easy to find one's way about the centre of the town. Senaatintori or Senate Square, Engel's main glory. is dominated by the Lutheran cathedral, which rises from the top of a great flight of granite steps and has soaring gilt domes. To one side of it stands the Senate building, on the other the long façade with Ionic col-umns of Helsinki University.

In the middle of the square there is an 1863 statue of Tsar Alexander II, who gave Finland its independent currency, the markka (mark), and established Finnish as the national language. There



are also smart boutiques and cafés in the square, and a little museum of curiosities.

At the turn of the century a wave of new nationalistminded young architects launched National Romantic architecture, the Finnish version of Art Nouveau. If you walk from the market up the double-laned Esplanadi into the more modern part of Helsinki, you come across many fine blocks and buildings from this period, their sculpted façades adorned with bears, squirrels and other countryside motifs.

the Torni Hotel startled people when it was built at about this time, but it is now a useful landmark for the walker, and there is a lively bar on its top floor from which you can see the city spread out below.

Finland achieved independence in 1917, and since then it has moved into the modern. world with a vengeance. An arm of the sea cuts through Heisinki, with a park stretch-



The magnificent Lutheran cathedral in Senate Square, with four towers and a soaring, gilded central dome, dominates Helsinki's waterfront, lined with Neo-Classical houses

ing along the shore, and it is here that you can find two of the most impressive new buildings - Alvar Aalto's Finlandia Hall, a concert and congress hall of 1975, and the enormous National Opera, which opened three

It is worth finding out what music and opera is on in Helsinki before you go; it is always of a high standard. This week a powerful new

opera based on Josef and Karel Capek's Insect Play opened, with music by the Finnish composer Kalevi

Food and drink in Helsinki can be very enjoyable. A great delicacy is reindeer steak, which tastes like tender, sweet venison and is often served with a wine sauce. Seafood is outstanding: I had a really delicious rice salad with prawns on a

trip round the islands. Finnish pancakes are good, especially when served with cloudberry jam. There is also a delicious, red cloudberry liqueur. But prices are high in Helsinki, especially for alcohol, on which there is heavy duty. Two large beers

The best area for bars and clubs, of varying degrees of decorousness, is around Annankatu street, not far from the Torni hotel skyscraper. Friday night is when Finns really like to get drunk.

On a long weekend there is country north of Helsinki. of Helsinki city council.

peaceful take and forest set-ting, and the charming "National Romantic" house of the architect Eliel Sarinen in similar surroundings at Hvitträsk, it was here that I ate my reindeer. Further north, a plethora

Two places within fairly easy

reach by bus or hired car are

the house of the composer

Sibelius at Jarvenpä, in a

of lakes and forests stretch for hundreds of miles. But these would need a whole summer to get around.

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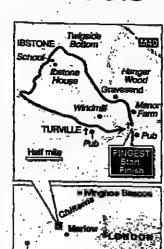
he Chiltern hills are best seen from the west, looking across the Oxfordshire plain. From there they look most impressive, a steep escarpment running across the land from Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire in to the Thames Valley at Goring in Berkshire, topped all the way with a bronze

crown of beechwoods. The Chilterns behind that escarpment are a mixture of ges with the name "End". where streams run out, and "Bottom" or riverless val-leys, all dotted with small villages and ancient churches. Today these hills are a dormitory for the London commuter or a weekend retreat for the chattering classes.

in medieval times, Chilserner stuff. These thick beechwoods were then the haunt of footpads and highwaymen, who preyed on the traffic down the Oxford to London Road. That royal eppointee, the Steward of the Chiltern Hundreds, was charged with catching these villains and hanging them from the nearest tree.

Times change. The foot-pads have gone and the ramblers have moved in, roving along the 1,000 miles of footpaths that seam these hills from end to end, with the Ridgeway long-distance footpath following the ridge for 60 miles, from Ivinghoe to the Goring Gap. Fortu-nately, there are plenty of shorter walks and this circular one around the Turville valley, which will take no longer than an afternoon, includes three of the prettiest villages, a variety of scenery

The walk begins in the Buckinghamshire, five miles northwest of Marlow. The Chequers pub in Fingest offers a very good lunch and just across the road is the yellow-washed church of St



Bartholomew, which has stood here since the time of Alfred, though the first recorded vicar arrived in 1217 and the gables date from the time of Crecy (1346). Follow the lane beside the church past Manor Farm and up to the crossroads at Gravesend. From there a track or greenway leads west along the northern foot of the ridge into the woods that lead to Twigside Bottom.

ecause the Chilterns are composed of chalk and the earth that cloaks the chalk can be muddy, boots or walking wellies are advis-able and walkers should be careful on the steeper slopes.

Once the woods broaden out look for the track to the right, a proper footpath, which leads to Twigside Farm and out on to the lane by the school and Ibstone House, once owned by the writer Rebecca West. Three roads come together here and at the junction look for the stile and the path that curves down the hill to the little church of St Nicholas, at the edge of Park Wood.

The church, just south of l'ostone village, has a short wood-slatted tower, a fine gallery and a number of

interesting tombs and memorials. Ibstone church, part Saxon, part Norman, part Early English, is also marvellously warm and well worth a visit on a chilly

winter day.

The beechwoods are the glory of the Chilterns and the last leg of the walk leads through them back to Turville. Go out the gate of Ibstone church and take the lane opposite which drops down along the south side of Park Wood. It then becomes a track and shortly afterwards a footpath. This path climbs slightly to the ridge that runs above the Turville valley and emerges on to an open grassy slope with wide views towards the Thames Valley and the east,

At the second track junction the main footpath drops down the side of the valley into Turville, which has a fine pub, the Bull and Butcher, and another beautiful, well tended church largely built in the local flintstone. This is also the fictional parish church of Dawn French in the television series The Vicar of Dibley. St Mary's, Turville has some medieval blazonry attributed to the Dukes of Burgundy and a small exhibition of photographs illustrating the life and work of the Chiltern "bodgers", those hardy woodmen who lived in these hills until recent times and made chair parts for the furniture factories of High

Wycombe. Overlooking Turville, and a landmark for miles around, is a fine whitepainted windmill with sails, and if it looks familiar that may be because it was featured in the film Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The windmill is now a private house but take the path up to it anyway, if only for the iendia view

Turville is a pretty place, very photogenic, and after a look around there take the footpath across the edge of



Exploring the village of Turville, with its beautiful parish church, provides a worthwhile stopping point on a walk through the Chilterns

the fields, around the base of Turville Hill and so back to Fingest for a well-earned drink at The Chequers.

The Chilterns are beautiful at any time of the year and splendid walking country. In winter deer can often be seen browsing on the beech mast; in spring the bluebells make a carpet under the beech trees; in summer the woods are shady and the grass lush; and in autumn the colours of the leaves are a glory to behold. This is a walk for al seasons, the perfect way to spend a day.

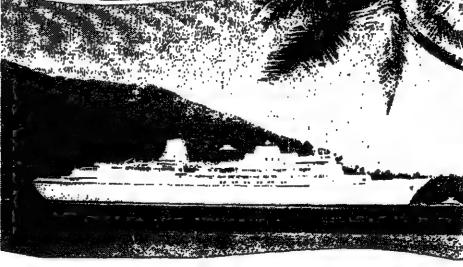
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The Chilterns walks Explorer map No 3, Chiltern Hills South, is four miles but allow three hours. Warm clothing is advisable.

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# Compleatly English

zaak Walton wrote The Compleat Angler, his classic idyll on the joys and strategems of fishing, in 1653. Few, apart from dedicated anglers, now read his detailed descriptions of this ancient sport. But the tranquil and bucolic resonance of his work is enough to associate it for ever in the mind with the pastoral ideal. Not surprisingly, therefore, the hotel standing on the spot in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, where Walton is believed to have written his work bears

the same quaint title. Not all visitors to this Trust House Forte hotel are anglers, but few can escape the association. Marlow is one of the most picturesque little towns nestling on the river's sheltered bends in the Thames Valley. A weir where the water cascades downstream on its way to London stretches in a noisy, splashing line beside the hotel, and lingering over a fine dinner watching the river is the best

part of a stay.

Nothing could be so quintessentially English and the hotel has long attracted visitors seeking such a mood:

J.M. Barrie, Noël Coward
and Nancy Mitford were
among the visitors before the
Second World war: Edgar Wallace, Scott Fitzgerald and Tallulah Bankhead set a trend for Americans. Heathrow airport, 20 minutes away, has brought Marlow uncomfortably close to the

international commuter. Marlow town has enough history and heritage to fill a weekend: the High Street has houses from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, coaching inns, bow-windowed shops, half-timbered buildings and old pubs with low beams to give you a very sore head. The old 12th-century church was subject to constant flooding and, when its founda-tions finally rotted a century ago, it was replaced by an imposing Victorian Gothic building that competes for attention with the slender. white-painted suspension

bridge of 1832. George III lived at Marlow before he became king. Shel-ley lived there in 1818 and wrote his Revolt of Islam.



Marlow: the hotel and weir

while his wife, Mary, wrote Frankenstein. T.S. Eliot lived in West Street and used to cycle to Maidenhead for the London train each day. Commuters nowadays are

richer. The branch line survives, just, but it is mostly Jaguars and BMWs that take the executives to London; their houses, wives and lifestyle among the most affluent in the country. Marlow, with some 14

boutiques, is a paradise for well-heeled tourists — hardly the image of the rustic Thames Valley that was forever fixed in a literary cliché by Jerome K. Jerome. The procession of boats that people mess about in now have computer-assisted navigational aids, and full cocktail cabinets.

Henley-on-Thames, Cookham and the historic little towns up and downstream from Marlow lock are as picturesque as ever. But their quainmess has been overrestored, over-exploited.

Towever, the rustic world still exists, I only a few miles away. Kenneth Grahame set The Wind in the Willows along the riverbank and modelled Toad Hall on nearby Harleyford Manor.

Walkers can still happen upon the lost world of Ratty and Mole, but to escape the sufficating intimacy of the river valley you have to go into the Chilterns. There is plenty to see here: Cliveden. whose famous set mixed scandal and high politics for several generations; West Wycombe, with its 18th-cennury mansoleum and hill caves where Sir Francis Dashwood founded the notorious Hell Fire Club:

#### ago by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild to house his priceless collections. Further west lie Oxford. Blenheim and the Cotswolds. To the north is Woburn Abbey, with funfair, antiques

and Waddesdon Manor, the imitation French château,

built at vast cost a century

and ancestral splendour, and Stowe's spectacular gardens. Such places are some distance from Marlow, but that makes the indulgence in cream teas or Pimms beside the Thames all the more

welcome on return.

MICHAEL BINYON The author was a guest of the Compleat Angler. Where to stay: The Compleat Angler, Marlow (01628 484414, fax 01628 486388): rooms for two from £160-£450. Ye Olde Bell Hotel, Hurley (01628 825881): single £95, double £115-140. Weekend break (two nights minimum, half board) £62.50 per person. Cliveden Manor, Taplow (01628-668561): room from £245-£685; the two-night Cliveden Weekend costs £695 for two, including dinner.

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ourney, a girl in a white dress riding a bicycle past a cornfield.

Undoubtedly there were others, but our journey was so speedy that they vanished. Until we whirled through Valence after two hours 20 platform nor saw a town. The northern flamess went out of France, replaced by hills and vines and sloping meadows occupied by static white cows. Apart from the train, only the sunshine moved, flitting across the landscape, rising across slopes, ducking into valleys,

glowing in rivers and ponds.

Our idea of journeying from our house in Salisbury, Winshire, to our second home in the south of Spain was, we thought, a particularly good one. Not something that would stand beside some of the explorations so often described in these pages, but an adventure

The Channel crossing had been stormy, but we only read about it in Paris. As the waves rolled, we were having lunch a quarter of a mile below them, in the calm of the namel It was the first time my wife, drana, and I had done this; catching the 12-53pm Waterloo Eurostar and being at the Gare du Nord by mid-afternoon.

What I missed was the anticipation of arriving in France. Ever since I was in my teens (the day I ordered a well-done steak nartare in Dieppel I have always enjoyed seeing France coming towards me from the sea. Aboard the train, we were there before we knew it, overtaking juggernauts sizzling clong a rainy motorway. It was as though we had never changed countries. Perhaps Eurostar should show a video of what we were missing — the travelling sky, the Channel clouds, the guils, the

We stayed on the Boulevard Latour Manhourg in one of those silent, almost concealed, hotels where late sunshine came into our third-floor room filtered through the coloured leaves of the trees outside. Paris will always be Paris. only more expensive. Sitting in a Left Bank cale, we listened to a Left Bank cale, we use no youth playing a saxophone accompanied by unother, on the accompanies A burio, an unusual combination. A gold, a lost-looking Columbus. It contrived a dance on the pavement, and the enclosed people try to

We had dinner in a Creole restaurant, where an exotic girl from Guadeloupe, in the French Caribbean, was so excited because on the Monday she was starting a new job - with Norwich Union. While she was embarking on this adventure we were continuing with



One of the stopovers was in Barcelona, a city with a charm, grace and enthusiasm of its own, where designs by Miro (above) dot the walkways

ours at the Gare de Lyon. By the time she was doubtless returning breathlessly to describe to her mother the dramas of her first day we had reached Cerbère, the last station in France. We had changed at Montpellier to a sedate train and the pace was more chugging. Through a little tunnel under a hill we went and we were in Port Bou,

the first place in Spain. in the Rambias of Barcelona the pigeons sit on the roofs of the stalls here parrots are sold in cages. The pigeons peer in through the bars. envious of the birdseed available to the captives, and the parrots gaze out at the pigeons, envious no doubt of their freedom.

Below the trees were people dressed as statues or waxworks: a toreador, a corpse (or was it The lavisible Man?). Eldorado, clad in remain motionless. For a few pesetas you can have a photograph taken with them, and inquisitive children pinch them to see if they

During the Spanish Civil War my father was on a blockaderunning ship in Barcelona harbour. He was ashore in a bar (or somewhere) when the harbour was bombed and his ship sank with all hands. I was eight at the time and I remember the thrill of hearing our name announced on the wireless (they thought he had gone down with the rest). Then we had a telegram to say that he had survived, and the insurance man had to be sent away.

arcelona is still enough to tempt a wandering sailor, or anyone else. It has charm, grace and enthu-siasm. We had a suite in a wonderfully elegant hotel (marbled bathroom) for much less than the cost of our small room in Paris, and we had a fish dinner in one of the waterside restaurants in Port Olympic, established with great imagination for the Barcelona

Olympics.
Two mornings later, at eight, our train left Barcelona Sants station for its amazing 14-hour journey through Cataluna, La Mancha and eventually into Andalucia. The Spanish call the railway the ferrocarriel, the iron way (a railwayman is, romantically, el ferroviario) and this one followed the coast to Valencia, where, in remarkable unison, the passengers stood up as though an anthem was being played and reversed their seats, then we progressed the other way, westwards to the interior.

The route was like a sickle, touching Alcázar de San Juan, deep into the country, and then down to Cordoba (stand up and all change seats) and finally out towards the sea again (change seats) to Malaga.

If Spain does not look quite as empty as it does from the air, it still looks empty. Melon farms gave way to wheatfields stretching, flat as Oklahoma, to the shimmering horizon. Sometimes a house would appear, white and isolated, sometimes a village, and occasionally a town, strong and remote on a rock, topped with a castle or a church. Even in the wilderness there were glimpses of a motorway but the train curied away as though affronted, and headed for the hills.

The train was often slow but never uncomfortable. We had a good lunch in an elegant dining car. They played light classical music throughout the journey, unfortu-nately neglecting to change the tape (Chopin's Minute Waltz seemed to last hours) and they showed a film.

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Steve Martin in Father of the Bride, which has been shown on every airplane I have flown for the past two years, this time in Spanish but no funnier.

It was more rewarding to look out of the window. Spain with all its many faces streamed by. Dried river beds, vast sweeps of rock and scrub, ruined houses, a goatherd with his goats, a man riding a horse. Night came down. We clattered on. Every few miles a lonely light shone. Then, at last, we saw the glow of the Costa del Sol and sturdily arrived in Malaga station. It had been 14 hours and 23 stops, and we were on time to the minute.

Eurostar (0345 881881): Waterloo-Paris, 1st class single £117.50, 2nd class £77.50. Paris-Barcelona (via Montpellier), Ist class single 594.50. Barcelona-Malaga (2nd class only available), single £43. Eurostar's sister company, SNCF (0990 300003), can book tickets all the way from London to Malaga from £262.20 Standard class.

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# Celestial music in holy places

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hen King Louis IX built Sainte-Chapelle in 1248 he did not have its use as a public concert hall in mind. Indeed, he found the lower orders so repulsive that he created a church in the basement of Sainte-Chapelle so that the servants would not worship

alongside royalty.
Now, however humble your origins, you can spend the evening in the grandest possible manner in this church on Ile de la Cité, being serenaded by some of France's best classical musicians. An increasing number of churches in Paris are opening their doors in the evening to classical music, and the experience is certainly superior to that of a dull municipal concert hall.

On a Sunday night recently, we went to hear The Trumpets of Versailles at Sainte-Chapelle, in the same building as the Palais de

Justice and the Conciergerie. Instead of queueing for entry during the day with Euro-coach parties desperate to gawp at Marie Antoinette's cell, evening visitors can wander through the marwander bled corridors of the palace. At night the church

was free from dictatorial tourist guides - instead, there was a well-mannered rustle of anticipation and only

French voices to be heard. When the lights were lowered, with just a spotlight over the trumpeters and the organist before the altar, the church became as it was meant to be seen, not in electric glare but in halfdarkness Although the magnificent

stained glass disappeared, the pillars painted red and gold, or blue with fleur-delys, suddenly glowed. The gold stars glinted on the blue arched ceiling — 50tr high and an architectural marvel in itself. in itself — and carved wooden apostles seemed to move on their pedestals.

The trumpeters played Handel, Telemann and Vivaldi, the organist a Bach prelude and fugue, while the audience was lulled into a swoon by the atmosphere and the music.

religious and created Sainte-Chapelle to house the Crown of Thorns and other relics that he acquired from the

Emperor of Constantinople, at a price said to be three times the cost of the actual building work. In medieval times the church was known as "a gateway to heaven". It is also a gateway to some of the city's best classical concerts several times a week.

The economics make sense, too -- why pay Fr40 to be pushed through Sainte-Chapelle with a bunch of tourists when, for Fr90 or Fr150, you can luxuriate in the same surroundings for a two-hour concert?

The church concerts are advertised in the Pariscope listings magazine, published every Wednesday. So long as you turn up half an hour beforehand, most tickets can be bought at the door.

In an average week there might be Russian Orthodox songs from a St Petersburg ensemble at Sainte-Chapelle Bach, Corette and Handel played on flute and organ at

the Eglise des Bilettes: a cello soloist at Eglise St Julien Pauvre; the Lyons choir at St-Louis en l'île, plus Purcell and Scarlatti played at the American

church. The decision as to which concert to attend depends on both the architectural

and the musical desires of the party. Concerts at the Madeleine may lack the intimacy of, say, Sainte-Chapelle, but they certainly make up for it in grandeur. tending more to orchestral than chamber music.

The cavernous inside at the Madeleine is parti-L cularly lavish with marble and gilt, and the musicians play before Charles Marochetti's Mary Magdalene Ascending to Heaven behind the high altar and candlesticks.

St-Germain-des-Prés, the city's oldest church, also has regular concerts and some free organ recitals. The church is an extraordinary mish-mash of 6th-century. Gothic and Romanesque architecture, and there are those who swear that the low lighting and soft music do

Louis IX was extremely The bookshop chain FNAC and the Virgin Megastore under the Louvre sell tickets for church concerts: otherwise call the Pariscope listing.

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VIEWING GAME on foot. norseback, camel, elephant or cance is offered by Africa Exclusive (01604 28979) in its 1997 "Africa Unpackaged" programme, Jül Crawshaw vites. It is the only holiday prochare without prices. though there is a subtle hint that an average tailor-made inclusive holiday will cost about £3,000, It is, however. a mine of information on the history, climate and wildlife seven East and southern NCER COUNTRIES.

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new destinations for adven-ture holiday specialists Ex-plore Worldwide (01252 319448). After three years in Ethiopia, the company has expanded into Eritrea. It says conditions are relaxed and safe, the roads poor but passable, accommodation of two-star standard and the scenery fertile and un-explored. Its Horn of Africa tour with nine nights in Ethiopia and five in Eritrea costs £1,695 including flights and B&B. The highlight is the 2,300m escarpment from Asmara, the capital, down to

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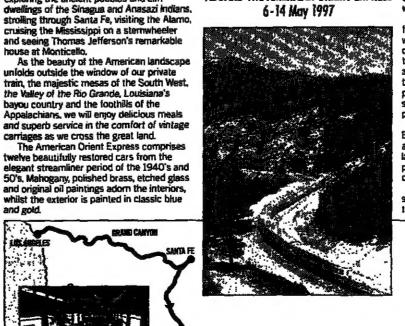
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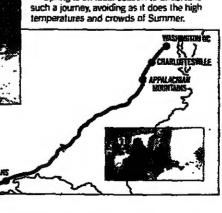
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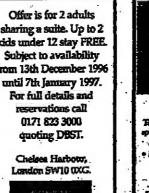
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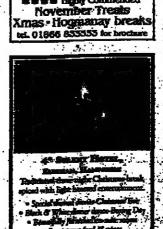


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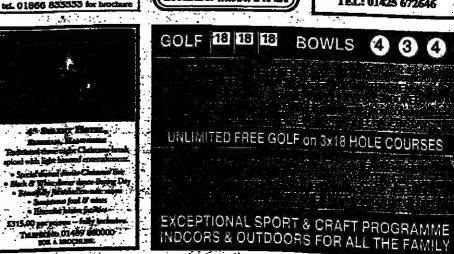






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declarer cashes the third heart

followed by the top clubs, discarding a heart from hand. That

leaves a three-card ending in which dummy is on lead with a

spade and a losing card in each

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#### by Raymond Keene

THE BRITISH Chess Federation book of the year award has gone to the Russian grandmaster and former world championship chal-lenger David Bronstein for The Sorcerer's Apprentice (Cadogan Books). The judges said: "David Bronstein possesses a chess imagination of the highest order, and his best games can stand alongside any world champion's. The Sorcerer's Apprentice amply illustrates Bronstein's love of the game and his artistic

This game was one of the brilliant attacking masterpieces which alerted the world to a new chess genius.

Pachman-Bronstein Prague v Moscow, 1946 King's Indian Defence 1 d4 M66 2 c4 d6 3 Nc3 e6 4 N3 Mbd7 5 g3 g6 6 8g2 Bg7 7 0-0 0-0 8 b3 Re8 9 e4 exd4 10 Mxd4 Nc5 11 Re1 a5

This was one of the earliest games to achieve prominence in which Bronstein adopted his new strategy in the King's Indian Defence. In earlier times, it had been thought that White's solid position and powerful central pawns on c4 and e4, gave him a grip which would ultimately lead to his advantage. In particular, White's ability to generate pres-sure in the d-file against Black's backward pawn on d6 was con-sidered almost decisive. In this game, and others of the same period, Bronstein demonstrated, though, that Black can generate - dynamic counter-attacking chances across the entire board to compensate for the seeming strategic inadequacies of his set-up. It is striking to observe, in the further course of play, that these counterchances arise almost exclusively along the dark square complexes of the entire board. 12 Bb2 a4. At first, a jab on the

aucenside. 13 Re1 Qb6 16h3 NB 18102 Evidence of Bronstein's breadth of vision. Having first advanced on the queen's flank he now hegins to play on both sides of the board.

19 Re2 b4 20 Rd2

By Raymond Keene Black to play. This position is from the game Yurtaev v Timman, Erevan Olympiad 1996. How did Black make the most of

the promising open lines on the Send answers on a postcard to he Times, I Pennington Street. London El 9XN. The first correct solution drawn on Thursday will receive a year's subscription to the Staunton Society. All first-time entrants will receive a copy of Chess Monthly. The solution

will be published next Saturday. Last week's solution: I ... Qe8

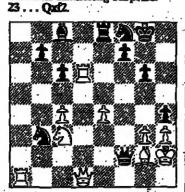


Pachman must have been feeling quite satisfied with his position, but now he is suddenly blown away by an amazing sequence of sacrifices which combine all of Black's previously disparate

aggressive themes.

20 ... Raal. A sacrifice to annihilate the principal guardian of White's dark squares. Breds 22 Reds Nebs

It seems that all is in order, since 23 Nxal allows 24 Nd5 followed by 25 Nf6+ when White wins, but now Bronstein uncorks a further shattering surprise.



If now 24 Qxh3 hxg3+ 25 Kh1 Bxh3 26 Rg1 Bxg2+ 27 Rxg2 Qf1+ 28 Rg1 Qh3 checkmate.

White resigns. After 32 Kg! Qe5 33 Rd! Ra3 followed by Nf8-e6-f4. White is entirely helpless. A grandiose example of play on both wings.

a b c d e f g h

Last week's winner: R Brummitt. Manlewell, Barnsley.

> Zapping aliens is a most satisfying experience, with enemy craft and bases exploding noisily into balls of flame. As well as battles in space, you must descend into a maze of metallic city streets to destroy flying warriors and complete each level. Chaos Control is for one or two players and has three difficulty levels. But you don't get much for your money. The easiest setting can make for a very short game, lasting just ten minutes from start

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THE GYMNASIUM

"It's from Darren, Mother. He says Ridings is closing early for the holidays and can he bring 60 little friends to stay

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Dr John Burscough, of Brigg, South Humberside

# WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard JOTA a. The Albanian I

b. A gondolier's rowlocks c. A dance

NISAN a. A grocery store

b. A month c. A Japanese warlord

HAREMLIK a. A harem

b. A hare's form c. An Anatolian language LUES BOSWELLIANA

 Rot of the liver b. Excessive admiration c. Self-importance

#### 4AQ7 Contract: Seven Hearts by South Lead: the jack of spades

Dealer South

⊕J1084

₹J962

+93

**#**J62

After South had shown a balanced 23-24 points, North took control. She discovered South had four hearts headed by the king-queen and the missing aces, and reasonably tried Seven Hearts.

IF THE opponents bid a grand slam and you have J 9 6 2 of their trump suit, you have high hopes

of making a trick. But instead of

sitting there feeling pleased, you should be preparing yourself for what is called an "obligatory false card". Nicola Smith was pre-

pared when this hand came up in the recent Olympiad, in Rhodes.

₹A1085

• K864

**♦**AQ5

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Nicola was West. After winning the spade lead, declarer led the king of hearts. On this Nicola smoothly followed with the nine. This gave declarer a losing option: she decided to play East for an initial holding of ♥J 762 and so, at trick three, she played a heart to the ace, thus giving West a trump trick.

Notice the importance of Nicola's play — if she plays low on the first heart, declarer has no choice Answers on page 19 but to lay down the queen of

solve such problems at a

stroke, being a budget-

priced sampler of more than

100 children's titles — each

West has to keep a heart and East a diamond, so neither of them can keep three spades. Romrats is a CD-Rom from Red Rock Media intended to

It's A Sin and What Have I Done to Deserve This? Since the duo put more effort than most into their videos, the compilation holds up surprisingly well. But you don't have to take my word for it, we have a dozen copies of videography to give away in

another new title from Liv-

As Christmas is fast approach-

once in a while." From Bytes of Wisdom.

#### COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

a high-octane sci-fi shoot-em-up which often feels like a threedimensional update of the early 1980s classic, Space Invaders. Instead of regimented rows of attackers bearing down on you, here the opposition flies in from all angles, swooping and diving.

The white knuckle combat ac-

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from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection,

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption from those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a

postcard with your name and address to: Strand Caption

The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN.

The Editor's decision is final.

The closing date for entries is

Wednesday, November 13.

(25), Weekend Games Page,

Marylebone Library).

write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine (reproduced with permission

tion is dovetailed with an ani-mated storyline, taking in bun-kers beneath the Empire State Building, battles on Mars and a few lumar bases for good measure. The voice characterisations and music score for these sequences seem well executed but hold up the pace. My eight-yearold tester impatiently skipped through all of them.

INTERPLAY's Chaos Control is to finish. On the other two settings the enjoyment is extended a little, with a bonus game on completing the main mission.

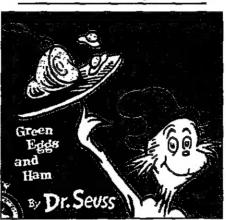
A curious and endearing

children's book character from the 1960s was Dr Seuss, who makes his sec-ond CD-Rom appearance with an interactive tale about a cantankerous fussyeater, Green Eggs and Ham. Aimed at children aged three to seven, Sam-I-Am sets out in rhyme to convince the obstinate diner that Green Eggs and Ham should be savoured rather than sniffed at, The delicious title also

includes three games that can be discovered as the story unfolds: the Wacky Food Concentration Game and Wacky Rhyming Game are word and picture-matching exercises, while in the Silly Rhyming Sen-tence Machine children find typically "Seuss-ian" triple word rhymes, such as "The pig with a wig had a fig. Understandably, children warm to it.

Available on dual format PC and Mac CD-Roms, Green Eggs

#### by Tim Wapshott



Children will undoubtedly warm to the wacky Green Eggs and Ham

and Ham comes from Living Books, the company set up jointly two years ago by publishers Random House and Brøderbund.

Tracking down the most suitable software for your child is not easy. Fancy packaging is never a guarantee of quality, and there is nothing more irritating than splashing out £40 or more for a 15 of the group's hits, including

59 Maybe patience is required for their motto: "Per ardua ad astra"

Food processor - a Chinese unit - displaces pout's tail

Tangled wool producing lanoline after Jack Sprat's

10 Churchwarden's failure, Slope, given new foundation?

26 State land up north is represented by horizontal lines 28 Fool thieved from The Devils of Loudon, debauched,

31 Alternative direction of trunk road is provided with a

54 Ambulatory ermine when temperature's dropped (sic)

24/04/45

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25 Don't mention Beatles' work's not with it

yet not deceived 29 Keep mum in with German fashion

37 Bundle of mail bearing the date before

40 For a Philistine to boil an egg is premature 44 A month onleave, primarily in sun, unconditionally 46 Shaggy's music; sound of the Caribbean

49 Dish with beans prepared for Saturdays

50 Measure new sole for Selkirk slipper

38 Spurious cynic of the sidewalk? 39 Underhand about new franchise

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Pongs of gas around bog? Not B.O.!

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47 The spring of an espadrille 48 River that is in S E Russia

35 A lump of a dunce

51 Fail to conceal

53 By advanced method

Let maid settle for the time being

playing long enough to be fairly judged. For example, Harry and the Haunted House is

ing Books, but it is a stinker. This saga takes off as some playful animal characters lose their ball in an eerie haunted mansion - but it is too long and drawn out and, frankly, doesn't stand a ghost of a chance of enthusastic repeat visits. For good-humoured haunting you need Jan Pienkowski's Haunted House, a Philips CD-Rom reworking of his best-selling pop-up book, based on his distinctive artwork. Plenty of the state of the st

of ghoulish surprises lurk in each of the mansion's ten rooms. Another Philips title released

this month also brings memories of the 1980s flooding back - Pet Shop Boys Videography. On Video CD/CDi, the disc includes duff title. The innovative West End Girls, Opportunities.

Cyberspace Twenty-Seven.
To enter, simply answer the following question: "Which 1960s star performed on the Pet Shop

Boys hit from 1987, What Have I Done to Deserve This?"? Send your entries - together with your name, age, address and home telephone number - on a postcard to: Cyberspace Twenty-Seven, Computer Games and Pastimes, Weekend, The Times. London El 9XN. Your entries must reach us by first post on Tuesday, November 19, and the first 12 correct entries chosen will win copies of the videography.

ing, each winner will also receive stocking filler in the form of a Running Press bite-sized pop-up book, Bytes of Wisdom, which offers words of wisdom for computer users.
"Everyone needs to hit escape

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The unclued light is worth noting.

To demonstrate a full understanding of the theme, the solver is required to highlight two five-letter words in the grid which Ralph overlooked. Chambers 1993 is recommended, but some words

will not be found therein because they are not common. Punctuation in clues may mislead.

ACROSS

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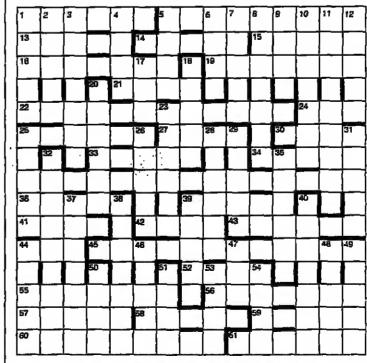
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Solution to No 3380: Syndicate VIII by Piccadilly 18/10/42

S=3, Y=13, N=29. D=23, I=19. C=7. A=5, T=11, E=2, V=43

The winner is R. Baxter of London SW12. The two runners-up are K.M. Rooth of Loughborough and Adrian Lewis of Penarth, South Glamorgan.



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